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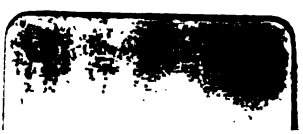

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Rev. Charles C. Salter, D. D.

DR. Salter was born in New Haven, Conn., in 1832. Son of Cleveland J. Salter one of the "Illinois band." Graduated from Andover Seminary in 1854. Became pastor of the church at Kewanee, Ill., 1859. Was chaplain in the army. Seeking the Minnesota climate for health he accepted a call to Plymouth church, Minneapolis and afterward organized Pilgrim church, Duluth. Served a short time as pastor of the American Chapel in Florence, Italy. In 1887 he returned to Duluth and started the Bethel work which will cause his name to be honored as long as the city endures.

Dr. Salter was never strong and was obliged to make frequent changes of climate. He was a noble, consecrated man, and "his works do follow him." He "knew no creed, no sect, but worked for all. No soul was too low to be received and ministered unto at the Bethel. Christian and heathen alike found entrance and the same cordial welcome. No soul was ever so hard that it could not be touched by the kindness of this good man, and to-day men who know no religion and scoff at things sacred speak his name with reverence. His charity was as broad as the sea and as boundless as the universe."

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OF THE

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REV. S. W. DICKINSON, St. Paul.

NOTICES FOR 1898.

The next annual meeting of the Association will be held with the Congregational Church at Owatonna, September 20th, 1898.

The Sermon will be preached by Rev. John W. Todd of Montevideo.

Moderator chosen for the meeting Rev. E. P. Ingersoll, St. Paul.

Assistant Moderator, Rev. R. S. Cross, Monticello.

Committee of Arrangements consists of: Rev. J. H. Chandler, L. L. Wheelock, Norman Evans.

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Each church is entitled to representation by pastor and two delegates and one delegate for each additional fifty members after the first hundred.

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1897-1906 MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION

The forty-second annual meeting of the GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MINNESOTA held its opening session in the Opera House at Montevideo, Tuesday evening September 28th, 1897.

The Association was called to order at 8 o'clock, after singing a hymn the Moderator Dean Horace Goodhue gave an opening address. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. H. Tebbets. Miss Ruddock rendered a Solo, "Come unto Me," Rev. A. H. Tebbets of Morris was chosen Scribe and C. J. Hunt of St. Paul Assistant Scribe, Dea. D. C. Bell of Minneapolis Auditor.

The Roll on being completed was as as follows:

ROLL OF THE ASSOCIATION.

ANOKA CONFERENCE.

Anoka—Rev. L. Loring. *Benson*—Rev. J. L. Nott. *Cottage Grove*—Rev. Geo. S. Biscoe, Mrs. Emma Biscoe. *Excelsior*—Rev. C. L. Mears, Mrs. C. L. Mears, Mrs. R. B. McGrath, Mrs. E. M. Read, Mrs. Wm. Bardwell. *Franconia*—Rev. J. G. Princell, Mrs. J. Princell. *Glencoe;*—Rev. Chas. H. Routliffe, Chas. DeLeemo, C. M. DeLeemo, Leda Lynd, Mrs. Rouse, Lillie Bailush, Wm. Johnson. *Hutchinson:*—Rev. Z. H. Smith, Mrs. J. V. V. Lewis, Mrs. B. B. Bissell, C. T. Cooke, M. D., Mrs. C. T. Cooke. *Minneapolis:—Como Ave.*—Rev. J. A. Stemen, T. R. Elwell, Mrs. H. R. Lewis. *Fifth Avenue*—Rev. J. E. Smith, D. E. Jones, J. M. McBride, Mrs. W. A. James, Clara L. Sutherland. *First*—Rev. Geo. R. Merrill, Mrs. Geo. R. Merrill, Mrs. J. A. Holland, J. W. Perkins, J. M. Anderson, Lewis W. Campbell, Mrs. H. E. Coleman, Mrs. J. M. Anderson. *Fremont Avenue*—Rev. Richard Brown, Mrs. Mary Olive Brown. *Lowry Hill*—Rev. A. McGregor, Mrs. A. McGregor, Miss Lillie Brown, J. Goldsburg, Miss F. B. Mills. *Lyndale Avenue*—Mrs. J. M. Powers, Mrs. C. R. Newcomb, Mrs. A. W. Latham. *Oak Park*—Rev. F. L. More, Mrs. J. H. Morley,

Mrs. F. B. Field. *Open Door*—Mrs. F. J. Smith, Mrs. P. H. Hughes. *Park Avenue*—Miss Alice Chant, H. F. Smith, Wm. Jennings, Mrs. J. C. Buchanan, Mrs. A. Lincoln. *Pilgrim*—Rev. Calvin B. Moody, L. E. Jepson, Mrs. L. E. Jepson, Wm. S. Wingate, S. W. Pond, Chas. H. Wingate, Mrs. C. H. Wingate, Mrs. A. R. Cole, Mrs. Anna Bruster. *Plymouth*—Rev. D. N. Beach, Rev. J. F. Okerstein, D. C. Bell, W. F. Black, W. A. Newton, Harrington Beard, H. B. Hendley, L. L. Dodge, Mrs. A. E. Kingman, Mrs. W. F. Black, Mrs. A. P. Stacy, Mrs. N. A. Dodge, Mrs. H. B. Hendley, Miss Helen R. Newton, Miss Katibel Chadbourn, Miss Mabel C. Folsom, Mrs O. J. Griffith, D. P. Jones, H. B. Hudson, M. K. McCollom, Miss A. Witherson. *Swedish Temple*—Rev. Jonas M. Armstrom. *Vine*—Rev. J. Bruce Mather, Mrs. H. M. Powell, Mrs. S. S. Sickels, Mrs. F. A. Brownson. *New Brighton*—Rev. T. H. Lewis, Mrs. T. H. Lewis. *Princeton*—Rev. Chas. D. Moore, Miss G. A. Eaton. *Robbinsdale*—Rev. Samuel J. Rogers, C. E. Wingate, Mrs. C. E. Wingate. *St. Louis Park*—Rev. Wm. Hardcastle, Mrs. C. S. Bates, Mrs. J. Hamilton. *St. Paul:—Atlantic*—Mrs. S. Brant. *German Peoples*—Wm. Oehler. *Olivet*—Rev. H. A. Risser, S. G. Clark, Mrs. F. J. Snell, Mrs. D. A. Matthews, Mrs. A. Squires, Mrs. S. W. Cooley. *Park*—Rev. Edward P. Ingersoll, C. W. Hackett, Mrs. C. W. Hackett, Chas. J. Hunt, Mrs. C. J. Hunt, E. J. Megrath, Mrs. E. J. Megrath, Mrs. J. H. Judd, Mrs. C. M. Burr, Mrs. W. W. Noble. *Pacific*—Rev. J. A. Jenkins, Chas H. Fowble, John M. Boxell. *Peoples*—Rev. S. G. Smith, L. A. Straight. *Plymouth*—J. Watson Smith, Rev. H. H. Hart, Mrs. H. H. Hart, Mrs. J. D. Humphery, B. W. Smith, Mrs. B. W. Smith, S. A. Frisbie, Mrs. M. A. Waite, Mrs. S. A. Frisbie, Carrie S. Pond, J. F. Jackson, Mrs. J. F. Jackson. *St. Anthony Park*—Rev. Edwin S. Pressey, Mrs. J. S. Morrison, Miss L. J. Cummings. *South Park*—Rev. J. B. Drew, C. W. Clark, Mrs. C. W. Clark, *University Ave*—Rev. Henry W. Parsons. *Sandstone*—Rev. A. G. Nelson. *Stewart*—Frank Sugden. *Stillwater*—Rev. J. H. Albert, Mrs. F. A. Weld, Mrs. J. H. Albert. *Winthrop*—Rev. C. A. Ruddock, Mrs. C. A. Ruddock. *Wayzata*—Rev. Alice Ruth Palmer.

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Appleton—Rev. E. C. Lyons. *Belview*—Rev. G. E. Northrup. *Campbell*—Rev. R. F. Paxton, C. B. Wintersteen. *Dawson*—Rev. Jas. Watt. *Graceville*—Rev. H. A. Cotton, Miss Josie Howells. *Granite Falls*—Rev. C. B. Fellows, Miss Carrie D. Barms, Mr. N. W. Dibble. *Hancock*—Rev. Geo. R. Searles, H. C. Carpenter. *Madison*—Rev. David Donovan, Mrs. S. G. Miller, Mrs. Cyrus Webster. *Morris*—Rev. A. H. Tebbets. *Ortonville*—F. Shumaker.

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Lake City—Rev. E. B. Chase, Mrs. E. C. Warren, Miss Sarah Manning. *Mazeppa*—Rev. J. E. Ingham, Mrs. O. A. Ford. *Rochester*—Rev. J. F. Taintor, Mrs. J. F. Taintor, Mrs. W. J. Eaton, W. J. Eaton. *Stewartsville*—Rev. Wm. Lodwick. *Winona*—Rev. L. L. West, Mrs. L. L. West.

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Rev. Dahl,	Lutheran Church, Montevideo.
Rev. H. A. Chounaird,	Episcopal Church, Montevideo.

The Business Committee through Harrington Beard reported the printed program subject to necessary changes.

Rev. S. W. Dickinson read his annual report as Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

During the year churches at Hibbing, Cornish, Lida Lake Scandinavian, Chokio, Perham, Belview, Elmdale Bohemian have been formed. Boyd has been absorbed into Dawson and dropped. Four ministers have been ordained and two installed.

There are on the roll two hundred and fifteen churches and one hundred and fifty-six ministerial members of the conferences. Of the original nine churches that entered into the organization of the association, two were in Wisconsin; of the seven in Minnesota four have maintained a continuous history. Three of the ministers serving these churches are still living, but one retaining membership with us.

Rev. W. C. A. Wallar of Mantorville read the Scripture.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. J. A. Stemen of Minneapolis from Luke 24:36, "Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them."

Prayer was offered by Rev. C. D. Moore of Princeton.

After singing "Rock of Ages" the session closed with the benediction.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Association was called to order at 8:30. Rev. O. M. Smith offered prayer.

The Moderator named the following committees:

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.—H. W. Page, Rev. E. J. Lagham, Rev. W. W. Newell.

COMMITTEE ON PLACE AND PREACHER.—Rev. R. McCune, Dea. C. W Hackett, Rev. Geo. M. Morrison.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.—Rev. S. V. S. Fisher, Rev. E. B. Chase, C. E. Wingate.

Rev. S. W. Dickinson presented his report as Treasurer which was accepted and referred to the auditor.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

S. W. Dickinson in account with the General Congregational Association of Minnesota for the year ending September 21st, 1897.

DEBIT.

Cash on Hand, September 18th, 1896,	$ 35.95
Received from Anoka Conference bal. on assessment of 1896,	274.25
" " " " on assessment of 1897,	100.05
" " Central Conference bal. on assessment of 1896,	32.93
" " " " on assessment of 1897,	42.69
" " Mankato Conference bal. on assessment of 1896,	27.00
" " " " on assessment of 1897,	11.00
" " Minnesota Valley Conference, bal. on assessment of 1896,	11.40
" " " " " on assessment of 1897,	13.60
" " Northern Pacific Conference, bal. on assessment of 1896,	37.85
" " Owatonna Conference on assessment of 1897,	104.65
" " Western Conference bal. on assessment of 1896,	21.70
" " " " on assessment of 1897,	24.95
" " Winona Conference on assessment of 1897,	69.05
" " Advertisements, Contributions toward half-tone cuts,	14.21
Total,	$821.28

CREDIT.

September 18, 1896, To Bill of Business Committee,	$ 7.85
October 10, Photo, Birthplace of Carleton College,	.50
" 16, Postage and Stationary,	3.00
November 4, Minneapolis Engraving Co.,	4.01
" 4, 250 Circulars for Finance Committee,	1.65
" 10, 1100 Copies State Minutes,	114.00
" 10, Mailing and Express,	22.00
" 10, Distribution,	5.00
" 10, Postage,	2.50
" 500 Manilla Envelopes and Wrappers,	1.90

March 4, 1897, Stationery,	3.40
" 19, 1100 Copies Statistics, 1897,	81.50
" 19, Mailing and Express,	16.50
" 19, Distribution,	3.50
" 19, Postage,	2.00
July 12, S. B. Forbes, Treasurer National Council,	125.00
" 12, Exchange,	.20
September 14, S. B. Forbes, Treasurer National Council,	125.00
" 14, Exchange.	.20
" 15, S. B. Forbes, Treasurer National Council,	100.00
" 15, Exchange,	.15
" 20, Salary Secretary and Treasurer,	100.00
" Postage,	6.15
" Cost of Collection on two checks,	.20
Total,	$726.21

ASSETS.

Balance cash on hand September 21, 1897,		$ 95.07
Due from the Conferences on Assessment of 1897:		
Anoka Conference,	$229.50	
Central Conference,	24.61	
Mankato Conference,	42.80	
Minnesota Valley Conference,	14.35	
Northern Pacific Conference,	67.85	379.11
Total,		$474.18

LIABILITIES.

Due Treasurer National Council, bal. for 1897,	$283.36

The amount due from the Conferences with cash on hand will meet all indebtedness, pay the costs of printing the minutes of this meeting and leave a small balance in the treasury.

Respectfully submitted with vouchers and receipt for $75.00 special collection taken at Faribault for Miss Haynes scholarship in Fisk University.

S. W. DICKINSON,
Treasurer.

MONTEVIDEO, MINN., September 30th, 1897.

I have examined the report of S. W. Dickinson, Treasurer, for the year from September 18th, 1896 to September 21st, 1897, together with the accompanying vouchers and find the same to be correct.

DAVID C. BELL,
Auditor.

It was voted to refer the nomination of delegates to the National Council and the American Missionary Association to the Nominating Committee.

A short prayer service was held.

H. W. Page read the report of the Committee on Finance as follows:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

September 28, 1897.

The Committee on Finance and Printing submit the following estimate of expenses for the ensuing year.

Printing Minutes and Statistics, 1100 copies,	$200.00
Wrapping, Mailing and Expressing same,	45.00
Expenses of Committees,	40.00
Postage and Stationery for State Secretary,	13.00
Salary of Secretary and Treasurer,	100.00
National Council,	355.00
Total,	$753.00

To meet the above expenses we recommend an assessment of five cents per member, apportioned among the conferences as follows:

Anoka Conference,	$375.95
Central Conference,	79.75
Mankato Conference,	64.40
Minnesota Valley Conference,	31.65
Northern Pacific Conference,	80.50
Owatonna Conference,	128.90
Western Conference,	29.55
Winona Conference,	83.45
Total,	$874.15

To the end that the membership of our churches may be reported accurately we recommend that the Secretary be instructed to send with the blank which goes to each church a statement of the membership of that church as reported the previous year and instructions how to prepare this report so as to balance with that of the previous year.

An amendment was offered:

That a duplicate blank be sent to each church to be filed by the church clerk for reference in making out the succeeding years report.

The amendment and report were adopted.

The Secretary was instructed to send fraternal greetings to the General Methodist Episcopal Church in session at Winona. Such greetings were sent, referring to the motto of our welcome by the Montevideo Church, Ephesians 6-23 :24.

A communication proposing a State Foreign Missionary Organization was read by Rev. C. H. Patton. Voted to refer to a special commmittee of three.

The Moderator named as that committee Rev. D. N. Beach, Rev. H. A. Risser, Prof. Geo. Huntington.

The report on the Religious Condition of the Churches was read by the Secretary, Rev. S. W. Dickinson. which was referred to the Committee on Printing.

RELIGIOUS CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES.

At its meeting last year the Association voted to make the reports of the churches at the spring conferences summarized by the registrars the basis of this annual survey. The facts thus obtained are grouped under four heads:

MATERIAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Five new meeting houses have been erected wholly or in part, seven were extensively repaired, besides minor changes that add to the comfort and attractiveness of the sanctuary, and nearly as important is the erection or repair of a number of parsonages.

These reports show also that during the year an unusual number of churches have grappled with long standing debts. Thirteen have been able thus to free themselves. In three instances the very life of the church depended upon it. Although factories have closed and in some quarters crops were poor the almost unanimous feeling is one of hope and determination. "It has been a year of debt paying" says one conference. A few churches avow their conviction that next year they ought to assume self-support.

SPIRITUAL LIFE.

Three churches report no preaching services and one no Sunday school or prayermeeting, "having no funds they closed the house." Another church without a minister most of the year was more plucky and bravely kept up

the work. In another the Y. M. C. A. held service in the afternoon with the Sunday school. One "received six members and dropped twenty," another kept all services going without a pastor and increased in membership fifty per cent.

Most of the reports indicate a strong, vigorous and growing condition. It is repeated over and over "largest and best prayer-meetings; best Sunday school in the history of the church," "Members all united and hard at work," "Services all maintained and every department of church work fully manned," "Church was never in better condition." *The tone is triumphant.*

Many of the churches—an increasing number—observe Passion week, the tender and joyful fruits of which long abide in personal experiences and the life of the church as a whole. Many are actively engaged in temperance work.

We report with great pleasure the holding of a Carleton College meeting by Carleton students which resulted in sending three additional students to the college.

There is a general interest in Bible study with the best up-to-date facilities, in a few cases special week day evenings being devoted to it.

The church services have been well attended; in some sections better than usual. Nineteen churches report a change of pastor.

On the whole it would seem in the absence of figures that there has been an increase in benevolences, while in one case there was a falling off "of thirty-three per cent in spite of extra exertions, the struggle over finances overshadows all the work," and in the same town another "by vote cut off all benevolences" and several large churches have not made much gain, yet many do specify an increase.

REVIVALS.

Fifteen churches report revivals and many more special interest indicated by extra religious effort. One church says it "expects to have a revival next winter." These spiritual awakenings have been in some instances of great power, refreshing the church and affecting the entire community. In a town where these religious forces are wanting and special opportunities for spiritual culture scarce; or in a scattered rural district where the people come together only upon the Sabbath day, a genuine revival means a tremendous thing; it quickens personal experience, broadens and deepens the life of the church. The conversion of a score of people is an event of the greatest importance, it marks a new era. Under the presence and power of the Holy Spirit this has been the blessed experience of very many of our churches.

THE OUTLOOK.

There are many indications that our churches in all parts of the State are on the watch for new outlying fields. "The Gospel for the vicinage" might well be the motto of several churches. One church has four such points, where preaching and Sunday schools are maintained; two are twelve miles away, one nine and the fourth six. Another church with three outstations expects to

form two new churches. Wide awake pastors are holding services at stragetic points thus adding to the strength of the home church. The young people in one case of quite a small church maintain a Sunday school three miles away. All this with the new churches formed the last year shows that Congregationalism is not asleep in Minnesota. Two churches that a year ago seemed lost to us have come back to the fold. Two that were seriously divided are being harmonized.

Another church reduced to one male member two years ago has now a membership of thirty-nine and that in a Danish community. This is an illustration either of what one man can do or of the persistency of Congregationalism.

The outlook in every conference is good and in some parts of the State particularly so, as churches pass out of the elementary stage in to the secondary of well established institutions and competence or into the third of the supremacy of moral ideas, the achievements will be relatively great.

Mention should be made of the Foreign Home Work. The general feeling among Scandinavian pastors is that the work has gained strength and solidity, marked religious interest in several fields, and a closer fellowship with each other and attachment for the Congregational Way. A lack of means has hindered all aggressive plans. Our one German church in the State is doing much needed work in a field all its own, as is also the Bohemian Chapel, meeting with peculiar opposition it brings a pure gospel in their own language to a neglected people. The new church at Royalton is an encouraging attempt along the same line.

We note three things:

1. The religious condition of a church is often affected by the moral state of the community. One of the youngest churches worships in a building occupied by Germans and Scandinavians, in other places the influence is overwhelmingly Catholic, not only sentiment but language is against them. Sometimes removals depopulate the church.

2. The religious condition is affected by sociological conditions. Socialistic organizations oppose the church because it does not fight capital and corporations. A wholly mistaken feeling that the church is not in sympathy with the laboring and dependent class.

3. There is an army of men who through no motive of their own but sheer force of occupation and livelihood are obliged to work on the Lord's day. Many are Christian men upon whom the influence is not only morally depressing but their lack of presence and help is a direct loss to their respective churches.

In conclusion, for all that has been wrought in our churches we devoutly give thanks, and bend to the work before us with enthusiasm. For fascinating romance, for marvelous achievement, for unflinching devotion, nothing can surpass the history of faith, it is a continuation of the book of Acts, it is witnessing with power, it has the flaming tongues of the Spirit, it is adding to-day new names to the starry list of the heroes of the Kingdom.

CARLETON COLLEGE.

Rev. W. A. Warren gave the report of the Committee on Carleton Colllege.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CARLETON COLLEGE.

We are happy to report the completion of the Scoville library building at a cost of $25,000. It is a thing of beauty and will be a joy for centuries to come. It now contains a library of 15,000 volumes. nearly 3,000 volumes having been added the past year. No college east or west has a more beautiful library building, or, for practical use, a better assortment of scientific, historical and reference works. The library endowment fund now amounts to $7,890, a sum which must be largely increased if we are to keep the library abreast the thought and progress of this age. During the past year the reading room could not be successfully used in the evening because funds for lighting were not at hand.

We feel just pride in the various other buildings which encircle the college campus. In some instances we find a lack of sufficient equipment, but only such as might be supplied by an increased treasury. A new music hall is greatly needed.

The recent gift of Charles T. Wilder, of Wellessly, Mass., comes not only as a great surprise, but at a time when the money will supply a genuine need. Ten thousand dollars is a sum which, by Carletons judicious use, will be of substantial assistance.

What should our churches do for this noble institution? We answer, send to her your children for an education. One hundred more students could there be accommodated with very little additional expense. This would, of course, bring financial aid, but it would secure that which is vastly more necessary, namely, an enlarged constituency of intelligent, enthusiastic men and women. Not many pastors can give $50 a year to Carleton. Almost everyone can secure at least one student Financially, this is equal to the above sum.

The aggregate attendance last year was two hundred ninety-six, one hundred thirty-one being in the college proper. This was a gain of ten per cent over the previous year. The term just begun has already witnessed in the regular college courses an enrollment of 148; to this number there will be several additions later. One hundred new students, with freshman class of nearly seventy, furnish abundant evidence of the esteem in which Carleton is held, and is an assurance for her future.

PRESIDENT STRONG'S ANNUAL REPORT.

In presenting my annual report let me first give the statistics of attendance. In the collegiate department the average attendance during the last academic year was 13 4-5 per cent greater than during any preceding year. In the academy the gain was 5 2-3 per cent. Combining the two the increase was 9.91 per cent. The exact enrollment was one hundred and forty-two in the college and one hundred and thirty-five in the academy. Including the school of music, the number of different students during the year was two hundred and ninety-six. The opening this month has been quite encouraging, showing one hundred and forty-seven in the four college classes, ninety in the academy, two post-graduate students and twenty-one enrolled only in the school of music, making at this present date a total of two hundred and sixty. Among these the new students enrolled are forty-three in the college and fifty-six in the academy. The new freshman class contains sixty-seven, which is the exact number of the collegiate department eight years ago. Of these sixty-seven, nine were leaders of their classes in the several fitting schools, our own academy furnishing thirty.

The steady enlargement of the college classes as compared with those in the academy shows a growing appreciation of the higher education, and the necessity of being fitted for those duties in life to which only thoroughly educated men are called. Without much added cost Carleton can care for one hundred more collegiate students. She has the teachers, the buildings, and the needed facilities, and she greatly needs the added income which would thus be secured. The financial value of one hundred more students would be at least $5,000. Many who cannot give us $50 per year for the next four years may do much better for the institution, as well as for the home parish, by securing a student to take the college course. The increase of ten per cent in attendance last year added $1,000 to the tuition receipts. Still there was a large deficit. Dean Goodhue, at the request of the trustees, gave up his duties as instructor and devoted the year to work in the field. He will this year do the same work, for which he is so admirably fitted, and we bespeak for him the cordial co-operation of all friends of Christian education in our churches. Pastors, laymen, former students, present students, the faculty and dean working together in hearty sympathy, can accomplish what any one or two of these classes would fail to do alone. We need to be reminded that the problem of the Christian college in Minnesota has not yet reached its complete solution. It is still an open question whether our pastors and our churches appreciate the need of an education distinctly Christian in its spirit and aims and methods. In view of the fact that it has been officially declared in Minnesota unconstitutional even to read the Bible or to offer prayer in any school under state control, are we not compelled seriously to consider the fundemental question whether there is any longer need of institutions on a religious basis, or whether the State ought not to furnish and to control all education from the lowest to the highest? No topic could be more timely; but it is not my purpose to discuss it in this report.

The religious life of the College during the past Academic year was active and healthful. In addition to the regular work in Bible study the young men maintained during the Fall term five voluntary classes and the young women four. The local Y. M. C. A. work was largely carried on by College teachers and students. On the Day of Prayer for Colleges Rev. R. A. Torrey, of Chicago, rendered service unusually acceptable, and we believe lasting in its results. At least eleven young men and fourteen young women took an open stand for Christ, and many others were much quickened in the Christian life. Nearly six hundred dollars were pledged for missionary work at home or abroad. Thirteen of our graduates are regularly appointed missionaries in foreign fields, and six others are teaching abroad in the true missionary spirit and missionary motive.

The religious interest now manifest in the College has never been equaled at the opening of any year in the history of the institution. New and very large classes have been formed for Bible study and special lectures on the subject are being given by the Professors.

In some phases of material enlargement the past year makes an epoch in our College history. The beautiful new Scoville Memorial Library, one of the finest structures of its kind in the State, has been a constant delight to students and teachers. Special funds given for its administration have enabled us to utilize its facilities to the utmost. Nearly three thousand volumes have been added to our library. In round numbers eleven hundred volumes from a bequest made several years since, especially valuable for its works in American History and Biography; thirteen hundred volumes, rich in travel, theology and history, from the library of the lamented Dr. Geo. H. Wells; fifty volumes of general literature, a gift from his father's library, by the son of the late Dr. M. McG. Dana, now a member of our Senior Class, and four hundred volumes, mainly of German literature, collected by Prof Daniel Magnus. Nearly four hundred volumes have been added from other sources.

Since many of our churches have been interested in our Arboretum, it should be said that the space alotted to it has been nearly filled. Several valuable varieties have been added to it this year, and we take pride not only in the number of its trees, but in its valuable specimens. Care has been taken to order only those considered hardy by Prof. Green of the experiment station. This is believed to be the first arboretum started in the State, and the enterprise is so successful as to be worthy of a place among the attractions of our College.

One unique feature of the work of the year has been the formation of a Pedagogical Club, which aims to promote in various ways the study of the theory and art of teaching. Lectures have been given by Profs. Pearson and Stratton, by Supt. Adams of Northfield High School, and Dr. Bailey of Faribault. In social ethics a course of six lectures was given by Secretary Hart of the State Board of Corrections and Charities.

The Co-operative Committee of Women, of which Mrs. C. W. Hackett is the efficient secretary, has rendered most valuable service, and it is hoped their labors may be continued.

Reports were referred to Committee on Printing.

Rev. J. F. Taintor from the Committee to visit Windom Institute gave way to Prof. C. W. Headley, who was followed by Rev. R. P. Herrick.

Rev. F. L. Ferguson spoke in behalf of the Education Society.

A special effort was made under the lead of Rev. D. N. Beach to raise the floating indebtedness of the institution. Pledges were taken to the amount of $9,407.

Rev. F. P. Woodbury spoke on the work of the American Missionary Association.

Voted that a committee be appointed to prepare a resolution on mob violence in the south.

Voted to appoint a committee to complete the financial canvass for Windom Institute. The Moderator named Rev. H. H. Hart, Rev. D. N. Beach, Hon. Lyndon A. Smith, P. L. Norman, Rev. S. G. Smith.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

The Association gave way to the Woman's Home Missionary Union and Minnesota Home Missionary Society until 3:45 when the Moderator resumed the chair.

After singing, Rev. C. H. Taintor spoke for the Church Building Society.

Prayer was offered by Rev. E. S. Williams.

Rev. H. A. Shauffler addressed the Association on "Our New Brother the Slovak."

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

The report on Systematic Beneficence was read by Rev. T. Merrill Edmands. Referred to Committee on Resolutions.

To determine whether the churches are being educated into systematic giving to all the missionary societies of the Congregational churches an examination of Minnesota's record has been made for the years '87, '90, '93, '96. The sums total given are not a correct basis for judgement, as special gifts by churches or individuals, for a single year, may increase the aggregate, while the churches, as a whole, are giving much less. If it can be shown that the churches are contributing more generally to the societies, we are making a real gain, even though the aggregate is less, owing to business depression. The following table shows the number of churches giving to no society, to one society, to two, etc., for the years designated. The number of churches thus far tabulated does not equal the number of the churches in the State, but the number reporting.

Number of churches giving through the Congregational Benevolent Societies:

Year	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total Churches Reporting
1887	18	23	29	17	17	9	16	13	142
1890	38	23	17	14	14	14	21	32	173
1893	56	24	22	20	21	17	14	25	199
1896	23	15	20	35	25	18	47	....	183

The following table shows how many churches had pastors or supplies, also what proportion of these churches kept their promises to the Home Missionary and Church Building Societies. Of course there may be in this list a few self-supporting churches or those not aided by the Building Society.

	No Pastor	Pastor	No Pastor	Pastor	No Pastor	Pastor	Home Soc.	Bld'g Soc.	Home Soc.	Bld'g Soc.
1887	7	11	9	14	21	1	4	25	28	17
1890	15	23	3	20	15	2	0	17	17	7
1893	23	33	5	19	8	6	4	16	17	11
1896	12	11	6	9	7	4	4	25	16	7

Nothing is more clearly established than the fact that whether a church gives or not depends upon the pastor. This is clearly shown as men pass from one field to another. Some who change frequently act as a blight on benevolence, while others always succeed in getting the church, however small, to give to all the societies.

The increased number of churches giving nothing in '93 was due, in part, to the completeness of the report that year (small churches not always reporting), and to the unusual number of vacancies, together with hard times.

The conclusion to be drawn from the first table is that the agitation which led to the appointing of the committee on systematic beneficence has not been in vain.

In '96 twenty-five per cent of the churches in the table gave to all the societies as compared with twelve per cent in '93, seventeen per cent in '90, nine per cent in '87.

The committee recommend that a committee of one be chosen from each local conference to push the work of enrolling the pastors in a concerted effort

to get as many churches as possible to give to as many societies as possible. In the smaller churches the object aimed at is not so much the amount of money that can be raised as the education in the work which the Congregational churches are carrying on. Churches are like children, unless trained to give regularly, even though the amount be small, they will not give when they cease to be dependent.

The following resolution was reported and adopted:

Whereas, our hearts have been deeply stirred by the address this morning which recited the grevious wrongs which the colored people in the South are suffering at the hands of their white neighbors, therefore,

Resolved, That we deeply deplore the persistence of the unbrotherly spirit, which breaking over all restraints so often works such havoc of human interests and life;

Further Resolved, That the work of the A. M. A. which is so necessary to prepare the freedmen to secure and maintain their rightful place in the body politic, calls for a redoubled interest and for a very largely increased contribution on the part of every Congregationalist in the country.

Rev. J. H. Chandler opened the discussion on "The Development of the Country Parish." After discussion, voted that a committee be appointed to report at our next meeting, on "Methods of Organization of Country Work." The Moderator named the committee as follows: Rev. G. E. Soper, Rev. J. H. Chandler and Rev. J. F. Taintor. Adjourned to 7:45.

During the intermission the Association was socially entertained at Windom Institute by the citizens of Montevideo. An address of welcome was given by Hon. Lyndon A. Smith—response by Rev. Alexander McGregor. Further pledges for Windom Institute were taken to the amount of $585.

Wednesday Evening.

Session opened at 7:45 with a song service conducted by D. E. Jones of Minneapolis. Prayer was offered by Rev. S. V. S. Fisher. Rev. S. G. Smith then gave an address on "The

Contribution of the Nineteenth Century to Religious Thought." A solo was sung by Miss Marie Dahl.

The canvass for Windom Institute was reported further by Rev. H. H. Hart on behalf of the Trustees. Rev. D. N. Beach offered the following resolution which was adopted:

In view of the wonderfully providential manner in which at this meeting of the Congregational churches of the State nearly the entire debt of Windom Institute has been provided for, this Association desires to make certain expressions, namely:

First:—We record our gratitude to God, and under him first to Prof. Goodhue, of Carleton College, our Moderator, who in his opening address drew attention to the matter.

Secondly:—To Carleton College for giving this matter "the right of way" in this meeting and to Northfield, which carrying heavy burdens for Carleton nevertheless made one of the largest pledges.

Thirdly:—To Principal Headley, whose pledge, one of the largest, stirred the hearts of all with a sense of the self denial of the Faculty and to the Alumni, whose corresponding pledge showed the same spirit in the graduates as of the school faculty; to Secretary Ferguson of the Congregational Education Society for his courageous and hopeful suggestions, for instigating the movement and for the very large pledge guaranteed by him.

Fourthly:—To our women for their unconditional and large pledge, which greatly furthered the whole movement.

Fifthly:—To the givers individually or as churches or as societies or as towns, one and all, for what has been accomplished. God moves, but he works through his children making them "willing in the day of his promise."

Sixthly:—This Association hereby undertakes to see that the floating debt of $10,000, and the excess of expenses over receipts for 1897-8, ($2,900,)—larger than normal, owing to heavy interest charges—are raized. And to incite and further the payment of the mortgage debt, ($4,000,) during the year ending October 1st. 1898.

Seventhly:—There shall be appointed a committee of five to be called the Associations' Committee on Windom Institute, whose duty it shall be to carry out the resolution next preceding this, and to take charge of the pledging on account of floating debt, and of expense account for 1897-8: To receive all money duly receipt for it and pay it over in lump sums to the Treasurer of Windom Institute and to report progress monthly through the Northwestern Congregationalist.

Finally:—This Association commends Windom Institute to the affection, sympathy, prayers and beneficence of all our churches and, in view of the superior quality of its work, and the noble spirit and refining influences of its faculty, we commend the Institute itself to Christian parents and others as one of the best and most desirable places in which to place their children and other young people for their education. Patronage by pupils is of equal importance with financial help and in higher ranges, of greater importance.

Further pledges were given which reached the total of $10,291.79. After singing "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow," Mr. W. S. Wingate sang a solo. Rev. John H. Barrows gave an address on "The Christian Battle in Asia."

After an anthem the session closed with the benediction.

THURSDAY MORNING.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following honorary members (see roll) and committees:

BUSINESS COMMITTEE.—Rev. W. C. A. Wallar, Mantorville; Rev. Geo. S. Ricker, Faribault; Rev. C. H. Patton, Duluth.

FINANCE AND PRINTING.—William F. Black, Minneapolis; Rev. J. B. Drew, St. Paul; Rev. John H. Albert, Stillwater.

CARLETON COLLEGE.—Rev. Alex McGregor, Minneapolis; Rev. F. A. Sumner, Little Falls; Rev. F. H. Oehler, New Richland; Bro. Lyndon A. Smith, Montevideo; Rev. W. W. Newell, Duluth; Rev. J. H. Chandler, Owatonna; Rev. Geo. M. Morrison, Marshall; Rev. James Oakey, Zumbrota and the Moderator of the Association ex-officio.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.—Rev. T. M. Edmands, Mankato; Rev. Charles L. Mears, Excelsior; Rev. G. Ernest Smith, Sauk Center; Rev. Robert F. Paxton, Campbell; Rev. John H. B. Smith, Wadena; Rev. Willis A. Warren, Spring Valley; Rev. E. E. Rogers, Lamberton; Rev. E. B. Chase, Lake City.

TEMPERANCE.—Rev. R. H. Battey, Minneapolis; Rev. C. A. Ruddock, Winthrop; Rev. D. N. Beach, Minneapolis.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—Lowell E. Jepson, Minneapolis; Charles J. Hunt, St. Paul; Rev. H. P. Fisher, Crookston.

FOR CORPORATE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN BOARD.—Wm. H. Laird, Winona; Miss Margaret J. Evans, Northfield; F. W. Anderson, St. Paul.

SPECIAL COURSE OF STUDY.—Rev. Geo. R. Merrill, Minneapolis; Prof. A. H. Pearson, Northfield; Rev. J. H. Morley, Minneapolis.

DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.—Pres. J. W. Strong, Northfield; Rev. E. P. Ingersoll, St. Paul, alternate; David P. Jones, Minneapolis; Lyndon A. Smith, Montevideo, alternate.

DELEGATES TO THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.—Rev. H. H. Hart, St. Paul; Rev. J. F. Taintor, Rochester.

As the Financial Committee on Window Institute.—Rev. H. H. Hart, St. Paul, Chairman; Bro. D. P. Jones, Minneapolis, Treasurer; Rev. D. N. Beach, Minneapolis; Rev. Calvin B. Moody, Minneapolis; Rev. C. H. Patton, Duluth; and that this committee be empowered to add to its numbers if they deem it desirable.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Committee on Temperance reported through Rev. R. H. Battey. Voted to refer the report to a committee with power to amend its phraseology. Rev. R. H. Battey, Rev. S. G. Smith and Harrington Beard were named as that committee. Report, as amended, was adopted with the following recommendations:

1. That as Congregationalists we ever more keep ourselves on record as those who taste not, touch not, handle not, intoxicating liquors as beverages, and that we teach and preach against saloonism and intemperance in society more earnestly and constantly.

2. That we hail with joy the victories for temperance in driving the saloons out of towns and districts in Minnesota; in the formation of total abstinence societies among the people, and in enforcing the laws against liquor selling and kindred evils.

3. That we urge upon all voters the duty of brave and constant work against the saloon, especially in the nominating caucuses and conventions and at the ballot box.

4. That we call upon all citizens of all districts of the state to send men to our next legislature who will aid in passing more rigid laws in the interests of temperance. The call is to ministers as well as others, and we should all help in our home communities and places of influence to have a better legislature meet in St. Paul next time.

5. That we urge upon pastors and churches the importance of inaugurating more united religious work for temperance by cities, by counties, by villages and by districts, as has been in other states, in which plans a certain Sunday, or Sundays, would witness great temperance rallies of the people, with two or more strong anti-saloon sermons in every one of the churches, in various languages as required, the sermons, by local or invited speakers, all musical and prayer services, and every part of the day's services in all churches being directed against the saloon and helpful to temperance life and work.

6. That as quickly as possible we help to secure the establishment of the anti-saloon leagues, such as have been so victorious in the temperance movement of Ohio and other states, here in Minnesota. That we advise pastors and churches to provide themselves with the literature of this system of leagues and then aid in organizing them over this state; but that we all keep

in mind the truth that temperance work will continue to be a constant factor in our work, plans and labors through the years.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

The Committee on Resolutions to whom was referred the paper on Systematic Beneficence reported:

In view of the facts set forth in this paper:

Resolved; That a committee of eight be appointed, to consist of one member of each local conference in the State, whose duty it shall be to see that every pastor and church, within the limits of his conference, gives due and timely attention to this matter; that the life of this committee shall be three years, and each committee-man should report annually to his own conference a complete list of all the churches in said conference, and from such reports the annual report to the State Association shall be compiled by this committee; and that the yearly meeting of this committee shall be at the gathering of the State Association.

Resolved; That the committee entreat every pastor and church to observe sedulously the monthly concert, to pray for the Lord's blessing upon all the interests of the church and kingdom in both the home and foreign field.

Resolved; That this Association respectfully requests the six benevolent societies to unite in preparing such a scheme of exercises for the use of our churches at the monthly concert as shall cover during the year the entire field of our missionary operations.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCE.

As the ministers and delegates of the churches gathered in State Association at Montevideo feel the loss from their meeting of the accustomed presence and counsels of the well beloved pastor of our Austin church, Rev. C. E. Wright who on the Pacific coast is seeking relief from a stubborn throat trouble, so long afflicting him:

Resolved; That this Association express to onr brother our sincere sympathy with him in his enforced separation from the church to which he has ministered so faithfully and successfully for more than a score of years; and we hope that in answer to the earnest petitions of his people and his brethren he may shortly be restored to health and enabled to resume his work.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR.

L. E. Jepson presented the report of the Sunday School Committee.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Rev. R. P. Herrick gave his annual report as Superintendent.

The question comes to us to-day with great force: "What Are We Doing Now for the Christian Development of Minnesota 25 Years Hence?" I want to tell you in a few words what the Sunday School and Publishing Society has been doing the past year, partly for the sake of this future.

1. We have gone into our large cities and established a number of Sunday schools in neighborhoods where the circumstances made it possible to sustain them. Nine such Sunday schools have been organized in our larger villages, or cities, the last year.

2. We have hunted up and started Sunday school work, generally with some preaching provided, in fourteen small railway stations where the population would average perhaps one hundred.

3. We have also gone into the country back of our cities and villages and in seventeen neighborhoods have organized good Sunday schools, putting them almost invaribly under the care of some home missionary pastor.

This makes a total of forty places we have been caring for this year. This number by no means measures the opportunities. For instance, in our cities we might have established at least half a dozen well located Sunday schools which would develop with the coming years, if the means had been at hand for buildings. Thus the lack of a small chapel, which could be built for $500, is to-day the principal obstacle in the way of our developing city work. We look for a time when, through an adjustment of its rules, the building society can help at the beginning of these city enterprises.

It would have been possible to follow up this line of work among the small railway stations to great advantage if our forces had been larger, and the ability of the Home Missionary Society to care for such work when it was established had been greater.

We have tried to limit our work to that which could be properly cared for and properly developed, although it is one of the hard things to see opportunities for carrying the Gospel to needy communities refused for lack of the small means needed to sustain a circuit preacher.

We have around several of our churches so large a group of Sunday schools that we need for the summer time the help of a student who might visit these

Sunday schools with the preaching of the Gospel perhaps twice a month. This expense could be largely provided for on the field but not wholly.

Then, too, we are at the dividing of the ways as regards the future of the children of the foreign people settled in our midst. We have made a good beginning, but only a beginning, among the Scandinavian brethren. We have just touched one point among the Slavic settlements, and the Sunday school has already grown into a church. There should be some effort put forth to reach the large German population in our midst through the labors of a German Sunday school missionary. The Germans in Minnesota are everywhere thrifty and gathering in abundance the wealth of this world. We owe it to the future of Minnesota, and above all, to the Lord's kingdom, to go among them with our simple New Testament message.

So I repeat that what we have done for the last year, although equal perhaps to any previous year's work in immediate success and in permanency, yet falls far short of the openings that have come to us.

Rev. George M. Boynton addressed the Association.

Hon. D. C. Bell spoke of the work of the State Sunday School Association.

Dr. Mary B. Damon gave an address on "The Old Testament vs. the New, for Primary Instruction."

Mrs. Mary P. Hunt gave an address on "New Methods of Sunday School Education."

A resolution from the trustees and faculty of Windom Institute was offered by Rev. E. P. Ingersoll.

Resolved; That we offer our grateful acknowledgements and hearty thanks to the State Association of Congregational Churches of Minnesota, convened at Montevideo, for their deep interest in the success of our Institute and for their prompt and generous response to the appeal of our friends for financial help.

Resolved; That, profoundly impressed with a sense of God's presence and guidance in this movement, we give assurance to this Association and through them to the Congregational churches of our State, that for the days to come we shall bend ourselves to the work with new hope and purpose.

Resolved; That while we shall give ourselves with unabated energy to the improvement and prosperity of the Institute, in the name of Christian education we solicit your continued interest and help to the end that, Speedily, we may cancel every cent of financial claims against Windom Institute.

Rev. John H. Barrows conducted a question hour on "Mission Work in India."

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. H. A. Risser, recommending:

1. One offering at least from every church annually. The pastor should lead, or, if there be no pastor, or he fail to do it, let the deacons, or the Sunday school or Endeavor Society or some individual moved of God, initiate the movement for an offering. "Where there's a will, there's a way."

2. Churches can easily double, triple or quadruple presents, gifts and interest by assuming the support of one or more pupils in mission schools, or teachers thereof, or native pastors, or missionaries on the foreign field. The secretaries at the Boston office will gladly co-operate with churches, Sunday schools, Christian Endeavor Societies, to that end.

3. A responsible head in the State at large is needed to be a nucleus around which missionary interests may crystalize, a medium through which to work from center to circumfrence of our Congregational body in the State in behalf of missions. In short, we must in some way organize the latent missionary power of our commonwealth. To that end your committee heartily recommend favorable considerations of the plans about to be submitted by the Special Committee on Memorial from a number of corporate members of the American Board.

On the above the committee recommended the following:

That the creation of a State committee of nine, one from each conference, to be charged with the matter of organizing a Minnesota Congregational Foreign Missionary Society, to co-operate with the American Board, whose duty it shall be to deepen interest in foreign missions, increase contributions and report at the next State meeting its work, fully; the results of the same and any recommendation which the years experience shall have approved to it as wise for further consideration; also, that this Association appoint one member who shall be chairman, with power to add eight other members, one from each local conference.

Report was adopted and referred to Committee on Printing.

In accordance with the resolution reported by the special committee to which was referred a memorial in reference to the organization of a State Foreign Missionary Society the nominating committee named Rev. Cornelius H. Patton, Duluth.

Rev. A. R. Thain spoke in the interests of the Advance.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE INTERIOR.

The Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior having occupied the first hour the Association resumed its session at 3:00 o'clock.

After singing and a season of prayer for missions at home and abroad, the report of the Ministerial Relief Society was read by the Secretary and referred to Committee on Printing.

The Association then listened to Rev. J. F. Taintor on "Place of Christian Endeavor in the Church."

Discussion of the weekly prayer meeting was led by Rev. Robert McCune.

Rev. E. P. Savage spoke in behalf of homeless children.

The Committee on Nominations recommended that the directors of the Ministerial Relief Society whose terms of office have expired be re-elected.

COMMITTEE TO VISIT WINDOM INSTITUTE.—Dean Horace Goodhue, F. A. Weld, Rev. D. Donovan.

VISITOR TO CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—Rev. L. L. West.

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS.—Rev. J. H. Chandler, L. L. Wheelock, Norman Evans

We recommend that in case neither principal or alternate is able to attend and represent this Association at the National Council, the Moderator and Secretary be empowered to fill the vacancy.

Voted that this be made applicable to all vacancies accruing as well as those indicated.

PLACE AND PREACHER.

The Committee on Place and Preacher recommended that the next meeting be held with the church at Owatonna, with Rev. J. W. Todd as preacher, Rev. W. H. Medlar, alternate. Report adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

The Committee on Resolutions reported the following on the death of Bro. C. E. Dyer:

We miss from this annual gathering of the Association our beloved brother, C. E. Dyer, of Minneapolis, and think of his genial presence and sweet spirit as now among the white-robed throng about the eternal throne.

Efficient in services, generously given upon business and other committees; untiring in devotion to the Sunday school interests of the State; charged with a holy enthusiasm in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association, the impress of his spirit-filled life and rounded spiritual character abides with us as a precious posession.

Resolved; That we hereby place upon record our high appreciation of his constant influence toward a high type of spiritual life in our churches, and of his earnest efforts in behalf of young men everywhere; that a copy of this minute be transmitted to his family, and the church of which he was a member, together with an expression of our sincere sympathy; and that the same appear upon the official record of the Association.

On the death of Rev. Geo. H. Wells:

Two years ago the Association at Alexandria joined with pleasure in the fervent words of Rev. George H. Wells as he opened the convention with prayer, and afterwards listened with delight as he spoke eloquently upon the work and prospects of the Association.

Last year at Faribault the wish was frequently expressed that his voice might be heard in our deliberations, but he was far away seeking health.

Since then it has pleased the Master to call his servant up higher. We do not question the ways of Him "who doeth all things well," although the sudden and terrible illness and tragic end of our brother-beloved greatly shocked and saddened our hearts. We wish to make record of our high appreciation of the noble Christian character, the fine natural abilities, the large acquirements, the spontaneous and effective speech, the warm loving heart, the always helpful hand, the great unselfishness of brother Wells. His efforts were always cheerfully given to advance any and every good cause. He often lectured as many nights as there were in the week for the benefit of the smaller churches, and the help of his brethren. He spared not himself or his means at the call of duty. Loyal to his Lord and the church, right faithful to his friends, very sympathetic with those in trouble, generous in giving, ready to help in burden-bearing, his memory is cherished and his name is honored. We think of him as at home in heaven, where the mind is never beclouded, where the spirit is never weary, where the heart is evermore in peace. We believe he has heard the welcome "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

It was voted to publish the Minutes and Statistics together.

A motion to authorize the Treasurer to pay fifty dollars for a special edition of the Northwestern Congregationalist was lost. On motion the matter was referred to the Business Committee who subsequently reported:

This committee recommends and moves that the Treasurer be ordered to pay the Northwestern Congregationalist $20.00 in payment for such numbers of the next issue of that paper as may be needed for an abundant distribution among our churches; these copies to contain suitable report of this meeting and also matter pertaining to Carleton College and Windom Institute. It also recommends and moves a reduction in the number to be published of the Minutes and Statistics from 1100 to 800 to meet the above expense of twenty dollars.

On ballot, Rev. E. P. Ingersoll, of St. Paul, was chosen Moderator for the next meeting. The Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for Rev. R. S. Cross of Monticello for Assistant Moderator.

A resolution of thanks was passed to the Business Committee for their efficiency in conducting the business of the Association.

RESOLUTION ON HOSPITALITY.

The following resolution was passed on hospitality:

We, the members and representatives of the Congregational churches of Minnesota, in convention assembled, in taking leave of our brethren and friends of Montevideo who cordially received the wandering pilgrims, and have showed us no little kindness, desise to make mention of our appreciation of the treatment accorded us; therefore, be it

Resolved; That the royal welcome and unbounded hospitality extended to our association by the citizens of Montevideo call for and receive from us hearty and grateful recognition.

Resolved; That our thanks are hereby tendered to Rev. J. W. Todd and his associates upon the committee of arrangements for their excellent generalship in housing and feeding the needy multitude; to the ladies of the city for the Reception given at Windom Institute on Wednesday evening; to the Union Chorus Choir, directed by Mr. H. E. Hoard, which, by careful preparation and hearty interest, has added so much to our evening sessions; to Miss Ruddock, Miss Dahl and Mr. W. S. Wingate for their pleasing and inspiring vocal

selections; to the young ladies of the Institute for their efficiency in ushering during the evening sessions.

Resolved; That we appreciate the generosity of the city council in permitting us to use their convenient and commodious opera house without charge, and the generosity of the library board and the A. O. U. W. in affording us their rooms for our convenience.

Be it Further Resolved; That the generous liberality of the C., M. & St. P. Ry. Co. in providing a special train at very low price for the accomodation and comfort of the Association meets our high appreciation; and our sincere thanks are hereby tendered to this company for their kindness.

Resolved; That our thanks are hereby given to the Minneapolis Journal for detailing a member of its staff to carefully report our proceedings; that we also thank the Montevideo Press for many courtesies rendered.

COMMUNION.

The communion address was given by Rev. E. B. Chase; "There is that with-holdeth more than is meet and it tendeth to poverty."

Rev. Geo. M. Morrison and Rev. F. H. Oehler officiated at the table with Deacons D. C. Bell, C. W. Headley, G. O. Moore, E. J. Nutting, assisting.

Rev. S. W. Dickinson read a message of greeting from Father Hall and wife and the Association sent the following reply:

"This Association returns cordial and tender greetings to Rev. Richard Hall and wife, and pray that the strength and comfort of the gospel may be abundantly theirs in the golden sunset of life."

A collection of $26.80 was taken for the Ministerial Relief Fund.

THURSDAY EVENING.

A song service was led by Bro. H. B. Hendley. Rev. S. J. Rogers offered prayer.

ADDRESSES.

Prof. Daniel Magnus read a paper on "Education Among the Scandinavians."

Rev. W. F. Trussell read a paper on "The Positive side of Teaching."

President Strong referred to Rev. Richard Halls' services as a former Home Missionary Superintendent and noble pioneer worker among the churches, and made an appeal for aid in his dependent age. A collection of $62.20 was taken. It was voted that the Ministerial Relief Society be requested to forward to him the offering taken at the communion table.

[NOTE.—The ministers of St. Paul and Minneapolis subsequently raised the amount to $100.00.—*Secretary.*]

The choir rendered a selection.

Rev. J. E. Smith read a paper on "Personal Character in Education."

Rev. L. L. West read a paper on "The Fellowship of the Spirit."

Closing words were spoken by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Todd.

The Association then adjourned to meet at Owatonna on the third Tuesday of September, 1898.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. H. Nason.

HORACE GOODHUE,
Moderator.
S. W. DICKINSON,
Secretary.

A. H. TEBBETS,
Scribe.
C. J. HUNT,
Assistant Scribe.

Minnesota Home Missionary Society.

President—1878-1898..... .....Pres. J. W. Strong, Northfield.
Treasurer—1886-1898.....Rev. J. H. Morley, Minneapolis.
Auditor—1897.....Hon. D. C. Bell, Minneapolis.

DIRECTORS.

Rev. D. N. Beach, - - - -	Term expires, 1898.
L. E. Jepson, - - - - -	Term expires, 1898.
Rev. E. P. Ingersoll, - - - -	Term expires, 1898.
Rev. G. R. Merrill, - - - -	Term expires, 1899.
Rev. G. E. Soper, - - - -	Term expires, 1899.
C. W. Hackett, - - - - -	Term expires, 1900.
F. H. Carlton, - - - -	Term expires, 1900.

CONSTITUTION OF MINNESOTA HOME MISSSIONARY SOCIETY.

Art. 1. This Society shall be called the "Minnesota Home Missionary Society."

Art. 2. The Society shall consist of Congregational and Union Churches in Minnesota contributing not less than one dollar annually to the treasury of the Society, who shall be represented in the meetings of the Society by the pastor and one delegate each and of such other persons as shall be constituted members for life by the payment by themselves or others of twenty-five dollars at one time to the funds of the Society.

Art. 3. The object of this Society shall be, of itself, and in co-operation with the American Home Missionary Society to diffuse the Gospel; by aiding weak congregations within the State in the support of the ministry, by organ-

izing churches wherever they are needed; by supplying communities destitute of preaching, and by doing the work of Christianization within other States and territories.

ART. 4. The annual meeting of this Society shall be held in connection with the annual meeting of the General Congregational Association of Minnesota.

ART. 5. The officers of this Society shall be a President, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a Superintendent, a Board of Directors and an Advisory Committee of three persons from each local conference or association of churches, all of whom shall be Ex-officio members of the Society.

ART. 6. The officers whose term of office and manner of election are not otherwise provided for shall be elected by ballot and shall serve for three years.

ART. 7. The Advisory Committee shall be chosen annually by the local conference or association, and shall advise the Board of Directors in reference to each application for aid from their respective districts.

ART. 8. The Board of Directors shall consist of seven persons, to be chosen for three years after the first election, and is to be divided into two classes of two each, and one class of three, so that the term of office of one shall expire each year. They shall choose one of their number as Chairman and another as Secretary; shall hold meetings regular and special at such time and place as they may direct; together with the chairman of the conference committees, shall nominate in case of vacancy, the Superintendent to the Parent Society; which is to appoint and pay him; shall consider the apportionment of men and money and recommend concerning the same to the American Home Missionary Society which is to appoint and pay the missionaries; shall make an annual report to the Society, and in their general oversight shall make to the parent Society such suggestions as they may deem wise. The Board shall also fill all vacancies that may occur, either in their own body or in the several Advisory Committees.

They shall be the Trustees of the Society, and as such, shall have power to acquire, hold, convey, manage and dispose of the property real and personal of the Society.

ART. 9. The Treasurer shall receive and hold the property of the Society, take care of and invest the permanent funds; with the Chairman and Secretary of the Board lease or convey by deed, real estate belonging to the Society, when so ordered by the Board, and exhibit at the annual meeting of the Society an audited account of the condition and investment of permanent funds. He shall give bonds to the Board of Directors for an amount of not less than $3,000 to be fixed by them. The Treasurer shall receive all money coming into the Society; and shall remit the same every month to the Parent Society. He shall also make an annual report to the Society, not only of money so transmitted, but of that which is acknowledged by the Parent Society as coming directly to the treasury from this State.

ART. 10. The Superintendent, in counsel and co-operation with the Board of Directors and the Advisory Committees, and under the instruction of the Parent Society, shall give himself to the work of securing ministers for mis-

sionaries, transmitting and endorsing applications for aid, encouraging the beneficiary societies to self-support, organizing churches, preaching the Word in destitute communities and among the aided churches, and increasing the contributions to the State Society. He shall present a written report at the annual meeting of the Society.

ART. 11. The usual quarterly and annual reports of the missionaries to the Parent Society shall be made in duplicate, and one copy sent to the Superintendent for information of officers of the Society.

ART. 12. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of all the members present, *provided*, the amendment shall have been proposed at the preceding annual meeting, or is recommended by the Board of Directors.

MINUTES.

The annual meeting of the Minnesota Congregational Home Missionary Society was held Wednesday afternoon, September 29, 1897, at Montevideo, President James W. Strong in the chair.

It was voted that the scribe and several committees of the State Association perform the same duties for this Society.

Rev. J. H. Morley read his report as Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts of the Minnesota Home Missionary Society for the year ending September 20th. 1897	$3,923.26	
Receipts from Minnesota at the New York office	1,088.28	
Total		$5,011.54
Of this amount $2,190.37 was contributed by the Women's Minnesota Home Missionary Union		
Remitted to Mr. W. B. Howland, Treasurer		$5,011.54

This certifies that I have carefully examined the accounts of John H. Morley, Treasurer of the Minnesota Home Missionary Society, and have compared them with the vouchers received from the Congregational Home Missionary Society, and have found them correct.

D. C. BELL,
Auditor.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

The work of the Minnesota Home Missionary Society has been embarrassed during the past year by the financial stringency of the national society. The resources of the Parent Society were so largely decreased that a reduction of about twenty per cent was made in the appropriations to the different states. Feeling that the call in Northern Minnesota is imperative and that retrenchment with us would be disastrous, the board of directors sent a representative to New York to ask that we have at least the same amount as last year. Our representations were partly successful, in that a reduction of only 10 per cent was made at the time.

CHURCHES.

One hundred and thirty-five churches, with seventy out-stations, have been under the care of the society. To these churches there have been added seven hundred seventy-six members, of whom four hundred eighty-eight came upon confession of faith. Five hundred and fifty conversions are reported. The total benevolences are $3,121. Thirty-nine churches report repairs upon their meeting houses at a cost of $1,613, while eighteen parsonages have been repaired at a cost of $600.

More than in previous years, our churches have been yoked, one pastor in the southwestern part of the State having supplied three churches; another in the central part of southern Minnesota supplies a group of churches, necessitating a drive over one hundred miles to make the circuit, and has in addition to his other cares, commenced to supply a Free Baptist church; another west of the twin cities supplies two churches, with two or three out-stations as yet without organization, the field demanding a helper who will be supplied as soon as the finances allow. Perhaps Rev. A. G. Nelson has the largest group of churches and out-stations, he supplying a dozen different points in Wisconsin and Minnesota. By the yoking of the churches we have been able to supply all communities asking for our services with pastoral care.

NEW CHURCHES.

At Hibbing a church of nine members was organized April 6th, and is ministered to by Rev. R. W. Watt, of the Moody Institute. Plans are formed to secure a building which shall have a reading room and library, thus enabling us to adapt ourselves to conditions in this mining region. At Cornish, an out-station from Winthrop, Rev. C. A. Ruddock organized, April 18th, a church of thirty-two members. On April 28th a church of twenty-two members was organized by Rev. G. E. Northrup at Belview. September 8th an organization was effected at Chokio with seven members where Rev. H. A. Cotton, of Graceville, has for two years held services. September 19th a Bohemian church of nine members was organized at Elmdale by Rev. H. A. Schauffler. This church was gathered by Mr. John Sabol, a Bohemian student who has preached to them during the summer. At Perham, where we discontinued work half a generation ago on account of changes in the population we have been requested to commence work again, and there has been a preliminary organization of a church. The Swedish Congregational Temple of Minneapolis was organized August 14th, 1897, with forty members, since receiving twenty-five additions. A council will be called to receive them into Congregational fellowship at an early date.

MEETING HOUSES.

Walker has completed its building upon which work was just commenced a year ago and has a beautiful building which was dedicated free of debt, money being raised at dedication with which to purchase a bell. Belview has completed a house costing when completed $1,000. Cauldrum, Swedish, is building a house at an expense of $1,000. Bertha, long neglected and nearly extinct, has come to life and will soon dedicate a building costing $1,000. Clarissa has already dedicated a church at an expense of $1,000. Lake City, Swedish, which has been coquetting with other denominations, has paid back to them the loan which they kindly made upon its church edifice and has returned heartily to us and is now enlarging its church, which is too strait, having raised a subscription of $560. Winona, Scandinavian, has received from the First church in trust one of their chapels and has enlarged it, doubling the seating capacity and fitting up a basement underneath, the whole property being worth $2,500. Brainerd Second, long having only a name to live, has found its little chapel too small, and has purchased a lot and will build as soon as it receives assurance of aid from the C. C. B. S. Kragness, organized a year ago, expected to devote the proceeds of a quarter section of land which was to be cultivated by the people to the erection of a new church. On account of the unfavorable season this plan was abandoned and a subscription of $200 has been raised for church erection. The Swedish Congregational Temple comes to us with their fine house of worship which has been redeemed

through a loan and grant from our Church Building Society, the members themselves raising $1,500. Correll, crowded out of the school-house, commenced to build last week, has the building enclosed and will worship in it in a few days, the whole cost being $1,000.

PARSONAGES.

Garvin has erected a neat little parsonage costing with lot $600. Granada, organized two years ago, first erected a church, and has this year completed a parsonage costing $500. Glenwood has purchased the lot lying up on two sides of the church property and expects to build a parsonage later.

SELF-SUPPORT.

The list is small. Lyndale church, Minneapolis, organized in 1884, received help for one year and was self-supporting until about three years ago. The society then agreed to aid them for three years. They now assume self-support. New Ulm, which had been self-supporting, asked for aid two years ago and received it. With the coming of the present pastor, Rev. H. W. Johnson; they can care for their own burdens. Lyle, a few years ago reduced to one member and he a non-resident, not only erected a parsonage last year, but for the future will support its own pastor, Rev. C. J. Swain, who for the present will preach also in a neighboring church where he receives some compensation. Several other churches were left unscheduled by the committee, but it has seemed necessary to help them. Ortonville has received some outside help, and we trust that it will ask for no more aid.

One or two churches deserve special mention. The Swedish Mission Temple of Minneapolis, of which Rev. J. G. Princell was pastor, has a building costing with lot $15,000. Its property was sold under foreclosure and the money has been advanced by our Congregational Church Building Society to redeem it, and this church becomes congregational in fact as well as in name. It is the center of a little group of churches throughout the State, and its coming to us will give us an open door to these affiliated churches. Lyndale church, Minneapolis, in addition to coming to self-support, has made marked progress. Four years ago it was burdened by debt and saw no way of relief. Its meeting-house was mortgaged for all that it would stand, and there was a floating debt in addition. By the concessions of the mortgagee, by the help of generous individuals in Minneapolis, with the assistance of the Congregational Church Building Society, and above all by the liberality and courage of its own members, Lyndale church has now reduced its debt to $6,000 which is owing to our church building society. The help thus extended by outside parties comes to a church that deserves it, both on account of the work which it is doing in that section of the city and also on account of the great sacrafices which the members have made to meet their financial obligations.

At Hibbing, as has already been indicated, we are planning for a building in which to do institutional work. There are two churches of other denominations in this place, but both badly located, and there is an evident need of a church which shall erect a building on the principal street where people are passing at all times of the day and night, and that a reading room and library and other attractions draw men away from the liquor saloons. Either this autumn or next spring we hope to do this work. Perhaps mention should be made of our Swedish church at Lake City. Some years ago the Superintendent made the suggestion that a Swedish church affiliated with us be left to take its own gait; that it be not asked to make reports to us or to send the conference tax; that if the church seemed to care little for us we should still show sympathy and brotherly interest; that thus in time these churches would know us better and come into closer fellowship with us. Lake City justifies this advice. Without formally withdrawing from us, it joined Forbundet and then under promise of aid from our Presbyterian brethren joined their body. It has since paid back the money to the Presbyterians and of its own accord has come to us and has been blessed with a revival and twenty-two additions to its membership. In dealing with the free Scandinavian churches we need to show sympathy and fellowship, illustrate the points which we have in common and wait for the natural course of events.

MISSIONARIES.

There have been employed during the whole or a portion of the year one hundred and four missionaries, of whom five were students. One of our faithful missionaries, Rev. A. G. Petterson, of Upsala, died November 8th, 1896. Brother Petterson came to this country in 1880 and settled at Willmar. preaching as an independent minister. In 1891 he removed to Wisconsin, engaging in business with his brother, the two uniting to build a house of worship in which Brother Petterson preached for a few months. He accepted a call to Upsala in 1892 and was the only Swedish minister in Morrison county. Able, consecrated, loyal and grateful to the home missionary society, his work in that county will long abide.

NEW MEN.

From Chicago Seminary Rev. F. L. Moore accepted a call to Oak Park church, Minneapolis, Mr. H. H. Stutson to the Second church of Winona, and Mr. I. C. Hambleton spent the summer with our church at Walker, which, however was unable to keep him longer. From Moody Institute Mr. R. W. Watt went to Hibbing and Mr. J. A. Hoffman accepted a call to Granada. Rev. Joseph Hogg came from the Methodist Episcopal church to Forest Heights, Minneapolis; Mr. James Watt from the Presbyterians to the Dawson church and Rev. I. N. English from the United Brethren to the church at Clar-

issa. From other states Rev. George Michael went to Detroit, Rev. W. J. Brown to Glenwood, Rev. G. H. Rice to Springfield and Selma, Rev. Benj. Iorns to Fertile, Rev. F. A. Bown to Walker, Rev. C. H. Chapin to New Paynesville, Rev. T. J. Minnis to Grand Meadow, Rev. H. F. Josephson to the Scandinavian church of Winona, and Rev. N. J. Bolin to Upsala. Rev. C. E. Wilcox, one of our missionaries two or three years ago who had removed to another State, takes charge of our work at Biwabik, while Mr. Seldon Slater, of West Dora, is commissioned as pastor of that church. Rev. J. M. Ahnstrom becomes the pastor of the Swedish Temple, Minneapolis, and Rev. C. B. Bjuge of the First Scandinavian church in the same city.

GENERAL MISSIONARIES.

Rev. C. B. Fellows has been employed as our State evangelist and general missionary, doing efficient work at Walker, where he was the means of erecting a church building, doing some of the work with his own hands. At Hibbing he superintended the reorganization of our work and the formation of a church, and did effective work at other points upon the Iron Range.

Rev. J. F. Okerstein has been employed by the Home Missionary Society, in connection with the Sunday School Society, in labors chiefly among the Swedish population. He has been of assistance in the American work, doing excellent service at Bertha, where he was the means of bringing an almost extinct church to life.

NORTHERN MINNESOTA.

An appeal was made during the year for funds to develop our work in northern Minnesota. This fund has been expended on the Iron Range, at Walker, where the money to support the missionary has been contributed by the Sunday schools of the State, and in the Red River Valley. The condition of our finances has not allowed us to branch out as we would like. In the Red River Valley the work has been economically performed in connection with the work on the Dakota side The population is largely Swedish, but there are several towns in which we are sustaining services, in each case the only English-speaking service, with the expectation that churches will develop later. There is a tide of immigration pouring into northern Minnesota, largely Scandinavian, and the society is making effort in connection with the Sunday School Society, to employ a Swedish missionary to labor there, co-operating with our North Dakota brethren who have raised money to employ him in North Dakota. There are some other plans for northern Minnesota which are yet incipient from which we expect good results next year.

The whole year has been one of anxiety on account of the uncertainty of the board of directors as to what could be depended upon by way of appropriations from the Parent Society. We have not felt at liberty to spend the

whole of our appropriation, not being allowed to use the money saved on one field or in expenses of administration in another needy field. There are, however, plans for progress in all parts of the State, and with returning prosperity we look for an onward movement in our home missionary work.

Superintendents report referred to Committee on Printing.

Remarks were made by Superintendent S. V. S. Fisher, by Rev. Frank A. Bown and Rev. E. C. Lyon.

Committee on Nominations reported C. W. Hackett and F. H. Carlton as Directors to succeed themselves. The Secretary was directed to cast the vote and they were elected.

Voted that a committee of three be named to revise the constitution. The chair named, H. W. Page, Rev. Geo. R. Merrill, C. W. Hackett.

Adjourned.

JAMES W. STRONG,
President.

A. H. TEBBETS,
Scribe.

Quarter Centennial Report

—OF THE—

MINNESOTA

Woman's Home Missionary Union.

1897.

OFFICERS 1897—1898.

President—Miss Catherine W. Nichols, 230 E. 9th St., St. Paul.

First Vice-President—Mrs. E. P. Ingersoll, 462 Holly Ave., St. Paul.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. C. H. Patton, Duluth.

Third Vice-President—Mrs. J. F. Taintor, Rochester.

Corresponding Secretary—

Assistant Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. E. R. Shepard, 2931 Portland Ave., Minneapolis.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. W. M. Bristoll, 2828 Chicago Ave., Minneapolis.

Treasurer—Mrs. M. W. Skinner, Northfield.

Assistant Treasurer—Mrs. A. W. Norton, Northfield.

Auditor—Mrs. Horace Goodhue, Northfield.

Field Secretary—

Secretary of Christian Endeavor Work—Miss Bertha Hanneman, 34 Minn. L. & T. Building, Minneapolis.

Secretary of Young Ladies' Work—Mrs. B. W. Smith, 600 W. 32nd St., Minneapolis.

Secretary of Children's Work—Miss Carrie S. Pond, 608 Canada St., St. Paul.

Secretary of Programs and Bureau of Exchange—Mrs. J. V. V. Lewis, Hutchinson.

MINUTES.

The eighteenth annual meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Union of the State of Minnesota was held on Wednesday morning, September 29th, 1897.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Miss Catherine W. Nichols. She read from the Word of God and led in prayer and then all joined in a hymn of praise.

Mrs. J. H. Morley of Minneapolis was appointed Recording Secretary pro tem.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The report of the Executive Committee, Mrs. W. M. Bristoll of Minneapolis, Secretary, was read and accepted.

The chair appointed the following:

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.—Mrs. J. D. Noyes, Faribault; Mrs. J. E. Truesdell, Owatonna; Mrs. Isaac Burch, Northfield.

COMMITTEE ON PLAN OF WORK.—Mrs. S. V. S. Fisher, Minneapolis; Mrs. C. F. Moore, Worthington; Mrs. G. F. Hubbard, Winona.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. P. Lyon, Minneapolis, was read and accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. M. W. Skinner, of Northfield, was read by Mrs. A. W. Norton of Northfield who has helped Mrs. Skinner in her official work the past year and will continue to do so the coming year.

The receipts for the year were $4,110.90.

(September 14th, 1897.)

Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Union,

In account with

MRS. M. W. SKINNER, Treasurer.

To Amt. Paid C. H. M. S.	$2182.42	By amount received from	
" " " A. M. A., -	748.41	all sources during the year	
" " " C. B. S., - -	699.42	ending Sept. 14th, 1897,	$4110.90
" " " Congl. Ed. Soc.,	223.51		
" " " S. S. Publ. Soc.,	112.55		
" " " Expense, -	144.59		
	$4110,90		$4110.90

Received from the churches;

C. H. M. S.	A. M. A.	C. B. S.	C. Ed. Soc.	S. S. & Pub. S.	Total
$2,248.51	$770.41	$719.42	$230.51	$116.55.....	$4110.90

Tender, thoughtful words were said of Miss Lora Hollister of Minneapolis, "a shut-in," who always remembers with us in a substantial way the work of the Master.

Mrs. Horace Goodhue of Northfield, auditor, gave her report which was accepted.

Miss Bertha Hanneman of Minneapolis sent a letter of suggestions in regard to the Christian Endeavor work in the State instead of a formal report.

Our Program Secretary, Mrs. J. V. V. Lewis of Hutchinson read a report of her work which was accepted.

A letter was read from Miss Emerson. It being our Quarter Centennial, letters were read from some of the original members. A poem, written for the occasion, by Mrs. Elaine Goodale Eastman was read.

Spicy, loving, cheerful words from our former president, Mrs. E. S. Williams, now of California. delighted us all.

Miss Hartwell of China, one of our former workers, remembered us with a tender, loving letter.

In the midst of our busy session, Rev. Beach of Plymouth Church, Minneapolis, came with earnest words for Windom Institute, urging tenderly but most emphatically, the women of the Congregational churches of the State to raise the last $1,000 to wipe out Windom's debt of $10,000. He was followed by Rev. Frank P. Ferguson of the Education Society in a forceful, telling appeal. At first it was thought impossible to

raise more than the $6,000 for the State we had already pledged; but earnest words here and there in all parts of the room finally resulted in an enthusiastic response to the well-timed plea. $500 was promised unconditionally to the Institute. Mrs. G. E. Chapman of Duluth was made special secretary for Windom Institute and pledges from the ladies of the churches soon nearly reached the designated sum. A few churches which were not represented at the Association are to be reached by letter, and if Mrs. Chapman's generous, enthusiastic spirit can be felt in her letters, the money will come promptly. God's spirit was surely with us and we were blessed in giving.

A letter was then read from Mrs. L. H. Cobb of New York City, our former treasurer.

Mrs. Caswell of New York City said a few helpful words.

An original poem "The Work of our Hands" was recited by our president which was repeated by request at the afternoon session.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

At 2:00 P. M. before the Association, with our President, Miss C. W. Nichols in the chair, Mrs. C. W. Hackett, a charter member, read a paper on the early history of Women's Home Missionary Work in Minnesota.

Mrs. E. S. Williams, our former president for nine years, told of the work during that time and of its beneficial result on the workers.

Our Treasurer gave her report showing $4,110.90 raised and telling how it was spent.

Mrs. H. S. Caswell of New York City, President of the National Woman's Organization, in her bright, wide-awake way, spoke of the work in the slums of Boston and New York and on our great western prairies and ranches.

Miss Nichols closed our hour with the recitation of her poem "The Work of Our Hands."

EDITH T. MORLEY,
Recording Secretary, pro tem.

MINNESOTA BRANCH

OF

Woman's Board of Missions

OF THE INTERIOR.

PLAN OF WORK FOR 1898.

WORK RECOMMENDED.

JAPAN.

Kobe—Miss Barrows	$ 655.00	
" Miss Brown	655.00	
" Miss Stewart	655.00	
Medical Attendance	150.00	$2,115.00

CHINA.

Foochow—Miss Hartwell	$ 500.00	
Peking—Bible Reader	50.00	$ 550.00

INDIA.

Marathi; Bombay—Miss Abbott, salary	$ 660.00	
" " " " allowance	493.50	
" " Bible Readers	56.00	$1,209.50

TURKEY.

Constantinople—Miss Olmstead	$ 450.00	
Marsovan—Miss Gage	286.00	
Cesarea—Miss Nason	200.00	
Zeitoon—Bible Reader	40.00	$ 976.00
YOUNG LADIES' SOCIETIES—Bridge		500.00

Y. P. S. C. E.—India—Ahmednagar—Miss Moulton, Salary, 480; pundit, 72; allowance, 207; traveling and business, 10.50	769.50
Children's Work	650.00
General Fund	230.00
Total	$7,000.00

OFFICERS.

President—Miss Margaret J. Evans, Northfield.

Vice-President—Mrs. C. F. Sawyer, 1417 Clinton Ave., Minneapolis.

Corresponding Secretary—

Assistant Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. C. W. Merrill, Northfield.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. H. G. Webster, Bank of Commerce Building, Minneapolis.

Assistant Recording Secretary—Mrs. A. B. Upham, Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul.

Field Secretary—

Treasurer—Mrs. J. F. Jackson, 139 East University Ave., St. Paul.

Auditor—Mrs. H. H. Hart, St. Paul.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES.

Young Ladies' Societies.—Mrs. B. W. Smith, 600 W. 32nd St, Minneapolis.

Y. P. S. C. E.—Miss Bertha Hanneman, Pauly House, Minneapolis.

Children's Work and Sunday Schools.—Mrs. W. B. Northrup, 2724 Pleasant Ave., Minneapolis.

Programs for Young People and Children.—Mrs. J. V. V. Lewis, Hutchinson.

Bureau of Exchange.—Mrs. Isaac W. Burch, Northfield.

Foreign Correspondence.—Miss Hannah M. Griffith, 1307 Fourth Ave., S., Minneapolis.

CONFERENCE DIRECTORS.

Anoka.—Mrs. F. A. Brownson, 1802 E. Lake St., Minneapolis; Chairman.

Central.—Mrs. J. A. Norris, Sauk Centre; Chairman.

Mankato.—Miss C. W. Haynes, Mankato; Chairman.

MINNESOTA VALLEY.—Mrs. D. T. Wheaton, Morris; Chairman.

NORTHERN PACIFIC.—Mrs. W. S. Horr, 829 E. First St., Duluth; Chairman.

OWATONNA.—Mrs. E. N. Leavens, Faribault; Chairman.

WESTERN.—Mrs. Harrington, Marshall; Chairman.

WINONA.—Mrs. I. C. Brewer, St. Charles, Chairman.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

PROGRAM.—Chairman; Mrs. H. L. Chase, 2750 Second Ave. S., Minneapolis.

NOMINATIONS.—Chairman; Mrs. S. V. S. Fisher, 2131 E. Lake St., Minneapolis.

MINUTES.

The twentieth annual meeting of the Minnesota Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior was held in Park Avenue Congregational Church, Minneapolis, April 14, 15, and 16th, 1897.

The session opened at 2:30 p. m. After the opening hymn, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," the President spoke briefly from the words "What think ye, that he will not come to the Feast?" and led in prayer. The conference reports were then read.

The Treasurer's report was read by Mrs. J. F. Jackson of St. Paul, showing the total receipts to be $5,219.55.

The following committees were appointed:

ON CREDENTIALS.—Mrs. Lewis, Hutchinson; Mrs. Peters, Mantorville; Mrs. Moore, Princeton; Mrs. Albert, Stillwater; Mrs. Hunt, St. Paul.

ON PLACE.—Mrs. Sawyer, St. Paul; Mrs. Sawin, Waseca; Mrs. Rich, Stillwater; Mrs. Buchanan, Sauk Centre, Mrs. Stewart, Duluth.

ON RESOLUTIONS.—Mrs. Wallar, Mantorville; Mrs. C. A. Ruddock, Winthrop; Mrs. Rice, Wadena; Mrs. McMillan, Minneapolis; Mrs. Weatherby, St. Paul.

ON TREASURER'S REPORT.—Mrs. Mullenix, Grand Meadow; Mrs. Hamilton, St- Louis Park; Miss Chadbourne, Minneapolis.

ON REPORTS OF VICE-PRESIDENTS.—Miss Comings, St. Anthony Park; Mrs. Coon, Wadena; Mrs. Shaw, Waseca.

ON SECRETARY'S REPORT.—Miss Palmer, Wayzata; Miss Wingate, Minneapolis; Mrs. Head, Princeton.

Mrs. J. A. Weatherby read a "Missionary Story." Mrs. L. E. Jepson gave a glimpse of "Missionary Life."

The report of Twentieth Anniversary Committee was read by Mrs. W. M. Bristoll. A review of twenty years of branch work was read by Mrs. J. A. Norris.

Mrs. J. H. Chandler gave a review of the twenty years work in the foreign field.

Miss Luella Miner spoke of work among women in north China.

The report of Young Ladies' Work was read by Mrs. B. W. Smith and that of the Christian Endeavor Societies by Miss Bertha Hanneman.

A letter was read from Miss Hartwell of Foochow.

"Christian Education for Young Women of Turkey" was presented by Miss Olmstead.

Mr. Suluba spoke of the needs of his people.

Miss Ely, of Billis, Turkey, spoke of the unsettled condition of work in that country.

Mrs. Laird read a paper on "How to Educate the Churches."

Mrs. Esther Smith spoke on the "Relation of the Men of the Church to Missionary work.

The election of officers followed.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Minnesota Branch W. B. M. I.,
In account with
MRS. J. F. JACKSON, Treasurer.

Received from all sources for the year ending April 6th, 1897, (except memorial fund)	$5,219.55

STATE EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Received and Disbursed	$ 310.34
The Martha A. King Memorial Book	74.46
Twentieth Anniversary and Memorial Fund account	205.45

Audited by MRS. LAURA L. HART.

Ministerial Relief Society.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Minneapolis, Minn., September 25, 1897.

1896					
Sept.	7.	Cash on hand last report,			$316.41
"	18.	Contributions Con. Church, Glyndon,		$ 3.00	
"	22.	" State Association, Faribault,		25.04	
Oct.	7.	" Con. Church, Rochester,		3.32	
"	19.	" Rev. S. V. S. Fisher,		1.00	
Dec.	8.	" Con. Church, Northfield,		16.36	
"	17.	" " " Graceville,		3.04	
"	23.	" " " Faribault,		7.00	
"	31.	" " " Cannon Falls,		2.55	
1897					
Jan.	6.	Contributions Con. Church, Faribault,		1.00	
"	11.	" " " Rochester,		4.85	
"	12.	" " " Plainview,		5.00	
"	14.	" " " St. Charles,		1.67	
"	21.	" " " Orrock,		.50	
Feb.	6.	" " " Pelican Rapids,		2.00	
"	10.	" " " Plymouth, St. Paul,		9.74	
Mar.	8.	" " " Zumbrota,		6.30	
"	10.	" " " Wabasha,		2.50	
April	24.	" " " Crookston,		2.19	
"	28.	" W. B. I. Annual Meeting, Park Av. Ch.		18.28	
May	20.	" Anoka Conference, Excelsior,		7.27	
"	22.	" Con. Church, Rochester,		3.76	
July	8.	" " " Ortonville,		5.87	
"	21.	" " " Fairmont.		6.60	
		Total contributions.		138.84	
		Interest on deposit,		4.38	
		Income from rent on house and store,		226.00	
		Total income,		369.22	369.22
					$685.63

DISBURSEMENTS.

1896			
Oct. 7.	Paid on order, - - - -	$ 25.00	
1897			
Feb. 8.	Paid on order, - - - -	50.00	
April 13.	" " " - - - -	25.00	
May 14.	" " " - - - -	50.00	
July 15.	" " " - - - -	25.00	
Sept. 16.	" " " - - . -	25.00	
1896			
Oct. 17.	Paid Semi-Annual Interest on Mortgage, -	22.75	
" 17.	" " " " " -	150.00	
1897			
April 15.	Paid Semi-Annual Interest on Mortgage, -	17.50	
May 14.	Taxes, - - - - -	41.66	
June 28.	Fire Insurance Premium, - - -	17.50	
	Paid for improvements and repairs. -	93.66	
	Balance in Hennepin County Savings Bank, -	142.56	$685.63
	Estimated equity in property, . -	$1,700.00	
	Cash on hand, - - -	142.56	
		$1,842.56	

Audited and found correct,

DAVID P. JONES,

G. A. WHEATON,
Treasurer.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

—OF THE—

General Congregational Association

OF MINNESOTA.

CONSTITUTION.

NAME.

ARTICLE 1.—This Association shall be called the "GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA."

OBJECT.

ART. 2.—No ecclesiastical power or authority shall be assumed by this Association or delegated thereto; but its object shall be to promote fellowship and co-operation among the Congregational Churches in Minnesota.

STATEMENT OF DOCTRINE.

ART. 3.—I. We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and all things visible and invisible.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who is of one substance with the Father by whom all things are made.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who is sent from the Father and Son, and who, together with the Father and Son is worshipped and glorified.

II. We believe that the providence of God, by which he executes His eternal purposes in the government of the world, is in and over all events; yet so that the freedom and responsibility of man are not impaired, and sin is the act of the creature alone.

III. We believe that man was made in the image of God, that he might know, love and obey God, and enjoy him forever; that our first parents, by their disobedience fell under the righteous condemnation of God, and that all men are so alienated from God that there is no salvation from the guilt and power of sin except through God's redeeming grace.

IV. We believe that God would have all men return to him; that to this end He has made himself known, not only through the works of nature, the course of His providence, and consciences of men, but also through supernatural revelations made especially to a chosen people, and above all, when the fullness of time was come through Jesus Christ His Son.

V. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the record of God's revelation of Himself in the work of redemption, that they were written by men under special guidance of the Holy Spirit; that they are able to make wise unto salvation; and that they constitute the authoritative standard by which religious teachings and human conduct are to be regulated and judged.

VI. We believe that the love of God to sinful men has found its highest expression in the redemptive work of His Son; who became man, uniting His divine nature with our human nature in one person; who was tempted like other men yet without sin; who by his humiliation, His holy obedience, His sufferings, His death on the cross and His resurrection, became a perfect Redeemer; whose sacrifice of Himself for the sins of the world declares the righteousness of God, and is the sole and sufficient ground of forgiveness and of reconciliation with Him

VII. We believe that Jesus Christ, after he had risen from the dead, ascended into Heaven, where, as the one mediator between God and man, He carries forward His work of saving men; that he sends the Holy Spirit to convict them of sin, and to lead them to repentance and faith; and that those who, through renewing grace, turn to righteousness and trust to Jesus Christ as their Redeemer, receive for his sake the forgiveness of their sins, and are made the children of God.

VIII. We believe that those who are thus regenerated and justified, grow in sanctified character through fellowship with Christ, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and obedience to the truth; that a holy life is the fruit and evidence of faith; and that the believer's hope of continuance in such a life is in the preserving grace of God.

IX. We believe that Jesus Christ came to establish among men the kingdom of God, the reign of truth and love, righteousness and peace; that to Jesus Christ, the head of his Kingdom, Christians are directly responsible in faith and conduct; and that to him all have immediate access without mediatorial or priestly intervention.

X. We believe that the Church of Christ, invisible and spiritual, comprises all true believers, whose duty it is to associate themselves in churches for the maintenance of worship, for the promotion of spiritual growth and fellowship, and for the conversion of men; that these churches under the guidance of the Holy Scriptures and in fellowship with one another, may determine—each for itself—their organization, statements of belief; and forms of worship, may appoint and set apart their own ministers, and should co-operate in the work which Christ has committed to them for the furtherance of the gospel throughout the world.

XI. We believe in the observance of the Lord's day, as a day of holy rest and worship; in the ministry of the word; and in the two sacraments which Christ has appointed for his church; Baptism to be administered to believers and their children, as the sign of cleansing from sin, of union to Christ and of the impartation of the Holy Spirit; and the Lord's Supper, as a symbol of His atoning death, a seal of its efficacy, and means whereby he confirms and strengthens the spiritual union and communion of believers with himself.

XII. We believe in the ultimate prevalence of the kingdom of Christ over all the earth; in the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ; in the resurrection of the dead; and in a final judgment, the issues of which are everlasting punishment and everlasting life.

ART. 4.—I. Any minister who is a member—made such by vote—of a Congregational conference in this State, of the Evangelical character of which the General Association is satisfied, shall be entitled to a seat in this body; also two delegates from each church connected with such conference, any church being entitled to an additional delegate for each fifty of its resident members after the first hundred, conference registrars, officers of the Association, members of its standing committees, the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society, and of the Minnesota Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Interior.

II. Other ministers or laymen present at any meeting, whose names are proposed by the Nominating Committee, may be honorary members with all the privileges of membership except that of voting.

OFFICERS.

ART. 5.—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, who shall be elected at the closing session of the annual meeting to serve one year; a Scribe, elected annually by ballot; and Assistant Scribe, and Auditor, chosen annually *viva voce*, and a Secretary, elected triennially by ballot, who shall have charge of the records, correspondence and statistics, and shall also be Treasurer. They shall hold offices until their successors are chosen.

COMMITTEES.

ART. 6.—I. The standing committees of this Association to be chosen annually, shall be a Business Committee. a Committee of Arrangements, a Committee on Finance and Printing, and a Sunday School Committee, of three members each, and a Committee to visit Carleton College, to include the Moderator of the State Association and one representative from each conference, a Committee on Systematic Beneficence, of one member from each conference, and a Committee of three on Temperance. The Business Committee shall always have one member who has served upon said committee within the last two years. The minister of the church to which the annual meeting is appointed shall be a member of the Committee of Arrangements.

II. For each annual meeting there shall be a Nominating Committee, a Committee on Place and Preacher, and a Committee on Resolutions, of three members each.

TIME OF MEETING.

ART. 7.—I. The annual meeting of this Association shall begin on the third Tuesday in September, and close on the following Friday.

II. Should an exigency arise requiring an extra meeting of this body, or a change from the appointed time and place, such appointment or change may be made by the Moderator, Secretary, Chairman of the Business Committee, and Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, or by three of these upon giving adequate notice.

AMENDMENTS AND RULES.

ART. 8.—I. This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, notice of such amendment having been given at the previous meeting.

II. Any rule of the Association may be suspended temporarily by a two-thirds vote. A motion to alter, establish or strike out any rule shall be read on two days and may be discussed at each reading. At the first reading the question shall be: *Shall it be read a second time?*

RULES.

I. At the annual meeting the Moderator or Assistant Moderator, or in their absence the Secretary, or the minister of the church with which the meeting is held, shall preside until permanent officers are elected. The first session shall be opened with a sermon by the minister or alternate appointed by the Association, if he shall be present, otherwise by a minister appointed by the Business Committee.

2. After the opening sermon at the annual meeting, the Secretary and Scribe shall collect the names of members, together with the names of the church each delegate represents, and that of the conference to which each minister belongs. Upon the following morning the roll shall be read, and the organization completed.

3. The Minutes of the preceeding day shall be read each morning for correction, and the corrected Minutes shall be read before the close of meeting for approval.

4. Every motion, when it is requested, shall be reduced to writing, and every written motion, when seconded, shall be passed to the Scribe, who shall likewise receive all reports presented to this body, and all papers which it shall adopt.

5. In debate, no one shall speak upon the same question more than twice or longer than ten minutes, except by vote of the body.

6. The Secretary and Scribe of this body, and the Registrar of any conference shall be a committee on credentials for members within the bounds of said conference.

7. The Secretary shall collect through the Registrars the statistics from the conferences and churches, and shall publish and distribute the minutes of this body, and for his services may receive one hundred dollars.

8. The Treasurer shall collect, through the Registrars, the funds due this body from the conferences, according to the apportionment made by the Committee on Finance.

9. The Business Committee shall prepare the programme for the annual meeting and shall publish the same at least three weeks before the time appointed for said meeting. They shall also prepare the order of business for each session, designating the time when reports of officers, and of the committees provided for in the Constitution, and of the President of Carleton College shall be received. They shall provide in the programme for at least one devotional meeting of an hour's duration at a time in the day favorable for a general attendance. New business shall be introduced only by the Business Committee, except upon vote of the Association.

10. The Nominating Committee shall nominate officers and committees not otherwise provided for, and shall propose the names of honorary members.

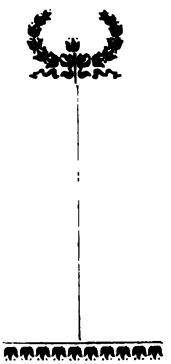
11. The Committee of Arrangements shall make general arrangements for the annual meeting and shall appoint preachers or leaders for all religious services except the opening sermon.

12. The Committee on Finance shall approve all bills to be paid by the Treasurer, and shall estimate the expenses of this body for the ensuing year and apportion the same among the conferences, such apportionment to be published in the Minutes.

13. The annual reports from the churches in each conference shall be presented in writing by its Registrar, or such person as it shall appoint.

14. Any member of this Association if present at the meeting of any corresponding body, shall be authorized to represent the Association therein. For his certificate this rule will be sufficient, and he may report to this body at its next annual meeting.

15. At the meeting of this body next previous to the meeting of the National Council, delegates at large and alternates, half of each to be laymen, shall be chosen to represent the Congregational churches of the State at National Council.



ORDINATIONS, INSTALLATIONS, DEATHS.

William A. Whitcomb, ordained October 14th, 1896, - - Ada.
David N. Beach, installed October 27, 1896, - - - Minneapolis.
Charles J. Treka, ordained October 29, 1896, - - - St. Paul.
J. Bruce Mather, installed June 15, 1897, - - - Minneapolis.
Rufus P. Upton, ordained June 29, 1897, - - - Garvin.
William E. Griffith, ordained August 27, 1897, - - Burtrum.
James Watt, ordained August 26, 1897, - - - - Dawson.
Nels J. Bolin, ordained, September 3, 1897. - - - Upsala.

DEATH.

Charles C. Salter, D. D., December 20, 1897, age 66 years, - Duluth.

HISTORICAL SUMMARY.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

YEAR.		PLACE.	MODERATOR.	MINISTER AND TEXT.
1	56	St. Anthony..	Rev. Sherman Hall.....	Rev. W. R Stevens, John 1:4.
2	57	Prescott, Wis.	Rev. L. Armsby.....	Rev. C. B. Sheldon, 2 Cor. 4-7.
3	58	Faribault.....	Rev. D. Andrews.....	Rev. Richard Hall, Rev. 11:15.
4	59	Winona.....	Rev. C. Seccombe....	Rev. L. Armsby, Rev. 3:8.
5	60	St. Paul.....	Rev. D. Burt.....	Rev. D. Andrews, Isa. 55:10. 11.
6	61	Anoka.....	Rev. O. Thomas.....	Rev. A. S. Risk, Phil. 4:6.
7	62	Northfield.....	Rev. Chas. Shedd..... ...	Rev. Chas. Shedd, 2 Thes. 2:18.
8	63	Lake City.....	Rev. W. R. Stevens.....	Rev. J. W. Millen, John 17:20, 21.
9	64	Rochester.....	Bro. C. M. Goodsell.....	Rev. C. Seccombe, Prov. 14:10.
10	65	Minneapolis..	Bro. R. G. Lincoln.....	Rev. D. Burt, Eph. 2:1.
11	66	Faribault.....	Bro. W. G. Copp.....	Rev. A. B. Smith, Matt. 33:8.
12	67	St. Cloud.....	Pres. J. W. Strong, D.D.	Rev. E. J. Hart, Luke 19:11, 27.
13	68	Austin.....	Bro. S. W. Furber.....	Rev. A. Fuller, Job 40:3, 42:5, 27.
14	69	Owatonna.....	Bro. J. L. Noyes.....	Rev. E. Gale; John 4:22, 12.
15	70	Northfield.....	Bro. R. J. Baldwin.....	Rev. W. B. Dada, Mark 4:28.
16	71	St. Anthony..	Pres. J. W. Strong, D.D.	Rev. C. C. Salter, D. D., Isa, 40:3.
17	72	Lake City.....	Rev. S. H. Barteau.....	Rev. E. M. Williams, D. D., Rom. 1:16.
18	73	St. Paul.....	Bro. H. W. Page.....	Rev. H. M. Tenney, D. D., Phil. 2:15.
19	74	Winona.....	Rev. H. A. Stimson, D. D.	Rev. C. M. Terry, 1 Cor. 6-9, 17.
20	75	Minneapolis..	Rev. L. H. Cobb, D. D...	Rev. J. W. Ray, Rom. 1:16.
21	76	Austin.....	Rev. E. M. Williams, D.D.	Rev. George A. Hood, Eph. 3:8.
22	77	Faribault.....	Rev. David Burt.....	Rev. C. W. Merrill, 2 Tim. 4:2.
23	78	Mankato.....	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D. D.	Rev, J. H. Morley, Matt. 16:1 5, 16.
24	79	Minneapolis..	Hon. A. H. Young.....	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D. D., Heb. 11:1.
25	80	Northfield.....	Rev. L. W. Chaney.....	Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, D.D., Matt. 28:8, 10.
26	81	Rochester.....	Rev. Geo. A. Hood.....	Rev. C. B. Wright, D. D., Matt. 11:4.
27	82	St. Paul.....	Bro. H. W. Page.....	Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D.D., Matt. 16:14, 15.
28	83	Lake City.....	Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, D.D	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D., Isa. 50:4.
29	84	St. Cloud.....	Rev. M. W. Montgomery	Prof. A. H. Pearson, Phil. 1:21.
30	85	Winona.....	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D.D.	Rev. H. C. Hovey, D. D., Jer. 32:8.
31	86	Minneapolis..	Rev. C. W. Merrill.....	Rev. John H. Crum, D. D., 1 Tim. 1:19.
32	87	Fergus Falls..	Prof. Geo. Huntington..	Rev. M. W. Montgomery, Isa. 21:6, 1 Cor 2:2
33	88	Owatonna.....	Rev. C. B. Wright, D. D.	Rev. J. W. Hargrave, 2 Tim. 2:15.
34	89	St. Paul.....	Rev. S. V. S. Fisher.	Rev. L. L. Cory, Luke 12:33.
35	90	Northfield.....	Rev. G. R. Merrill, D. D.	Rev. E. M. Noyes, Matt. 5:13.
36	91	Duluth.....	Rev. H. W. Gleason.....	Rev. A. H. Heath, D. D., Rom. 1:15.
37	92	Minneapolis..	Rev. J. F. Taintor.....	Rev. J. A. Chamberlin, John 14:12.
38	93	St. Paul.....	Rev. Smith Baker, D. D.	Rev. L. L. West, D. D., Mark 13:37.
39	94	Austin.....	Bro. C. W. Hackett.....	Rev. J. H. McConnell, 1 Chron. 12:32.
40	95	Alexandria....	Hon. D. C. Bell.....	Rev. S. G. Smith, D. D., Matt. 6:11.
41	96	Faribault.....	Rev. G. B Soper..... ...	Rev. T Merrill Edmands, Phil. 1:9'
42	97	Montevideo...	Dean Horace Goodhue..	Rev. John A. Stemen, Luke 24:36.

RECORDING SECRETARIES.

Rev. C. B. Sheldon.....1859—1861.
Rev. A. K. Packard.....1862—1864.
Rev. J. F. Dudley.....1866—1867.
Rev. L S. Griggs.....1868—1869.
Rev. H. A. Stimson, D. D..1870—1872.
Rev. H. Bumsted.....1873—1874
Rev. C. A. Hampton.....1875—1876
Bro. Wm. Cheney.....1877—1878
Rev. Geo. A. Hood .....1879—1881
Rev. W. A. James..... 1882—1883

CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

Rev. C. Seccombe.....1856—1858.
Rev. D. Burt.....1859—1867.
Rev. A. Fuller.....1868—1870.
Rev. C. C. Salter, D. D...1871—1872
Rev. N. C. Chapin .....1873—1877
Rev. L. W. Chaney.....1878—1883

STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

Rev. C. Seccombe.....1858—1870.
Rev. R. Hall.....1871—1875.
Bro. W. Cheney.....1876—1878
Bro. Geo. A. Hood.....1879—1881
Rev. J. B. Fairbank..... .....1882—1889.

SECRETARY: Rev. S. W. Dickinson.....1889—1898.

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Winter Term begins Wed., Jan. 5th, and ends Wed., March 23rd, 1898.
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Anniversary Exercises, Friday, June 10th, to Wednesday, June 15th, 1898.
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LIST OF BOOKS FOR SPECIAL COURSE OF STUDY.

FIRST YEAR;

Marcus Dod's Introduction to the New Testament.

Harper's Studies in the New Testament.

Hopkin's Outline Study of Man.

Hopkin's Christian Evidences.

Taylor's Ministry of the Word.

Dexter's Handbook of Congregationalism.

Huntington's Outline of Congregationalism.

SECOND YEAR;

Wright's Introduction to Old Testament.

Pearson's Studies in Old Testament.

Fisher's Church History.

Bickersteth's The Spirit of Life.

Calkin's Keystone of Faith.

Moule's Outlines of Christian Doctrine.

BOOKS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL READING.

FIRST YEAR:

Edersheim's Abridged Life of the Messiah.

Stalker's Life of Christ.

Burce's Training of the Twelve.

Farrar's Life of St. Paul.

Liddon's Bampton Lectures on the Divinity of Christ.

SECOND YEAR:

Cave on the Inspiration of Old Testament.

Row's Christian Evidence.

Phelps' Theory of Preaching.

Philips Brook's Yale Lectures.

Rev. Edmund Gale.

THIS highly esteemed and faithful minister was born in Siddleshan, Eng., in 1821. Began preaching at Chereton, Devon, in 1852, was assistant to Rev. Wm. Marshall over Cheshire, 1854. Came to this country in 1855, Was settled and ordained at Geneva, O. Thirty two years ago he came into Minnesota and for seven years was pastor of the First church, Faribault. Removing to Ohio he held several pastorates and in 1881 was recalled to Faribault, the two churches having united. Mr. Gale is an able preacher and his pastorates have been unusually successful and happy. He is greatly beloved by his former parishioners. Though full of vigour he has retired from the active duties of the pastorate.

Statistics.

January 1st,

1898.

THE CONFERENCES.

I. ANOKA CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Vine Church, Minneapolis, May 17, 1898.

REGISTRAR: C. W. Clark, 506 Pioneer Press Building, St. Paul.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. J. E. Smith, Rev. J. A. Jenkins, Rev. S. J. Rogers.

CHURCHES.	MEMS.	MINISTERS.	CHURCH CLERKS.
Afton	5	Albert A. Davis	Richard Buswell
Anoka	154	John I. Sanford	E. L. Curial
Arcola, (Marine Mills)			
Brownton	36	James W. Sanford	John P. West
Cottage Grove	72	George S. Biscoe	John P. Furber
Elk River	113		W. G. Babcock
Excelsior	149	Charles L. Mears	Miss Ella M. Stratton
Fair Oaks, (Ham Lake)	25		Nellie M. Grippen
Glencoe	150	Charles H. Routliffe	D. Nelson Hassan
Groveland, (Chowen)	24	Alice Ruth Palmer	Mrs. Ida C. Waters
Hutchinson	118	Zwingle H. Smith	C. B. Gillett
Lakeland	22	Albert A. Davis	Anna Rockstrode
Long Lake			
Minneapolis, First	526	George R. Merrill	F. C. Chesbro
" Plymouth	973	David N. Beach	Harry B. Hendley
" Park Avenue	623	George D. Black	William M. Bristoll
" Pilgrim	405	Calvin B. Moody	E. C. Scarborough
" Vine	160	J. Bruce Mather	Dea D. A. McCardy
" Como Avenue	130	John A. Stemen	H. L. McClusky
" Union, (St. Louis Pk)	46	David D. Davis	Mrs. J. Hamilton
" Open Door	159	William Hardcastle	Mrs. W. M. Stanley
" Lyndale	304	Lewis H. Keller	Dea. F. T. Frary
" Fremont Avenue	175	Richard Brown	W. T. Coe
" Fifth Avenue	142	James E. Smith	L. A. Condit
" Mizpah, (Hopkins)	24	John A. Stemen	H. D. Truman
" Bethany	103	Stephen G. Updyke	Arthur E. Shaw
" Robbinsdale	74	Samuel J. Rogers	Mrs. Ellen Bisbee
" Lowry Hill	199		William Cheney
" First Scandinavian	27	Carl B. Bjuge	Olaf Strand
" Oak Park	75	[Frank L. Moore, Presb]	Thomas J. Davis
" New Brighton	38		Mrs. C. A. Thompson
" Forest Heights	144	Robert A. Hadden	W. V. Haight
" Temple Swedish	65	Jonas M. Ahnstrom	W. Fallin
" 38th Street	30	David D. Davis	Rev. D. D. Davis
North Branch	13	William A. Wilkinson	E. G. Rogers
Preston Lake, (Stewart)			
Princeton	70	Charles D. Moore	John F. Peterson
Rush City, Swedish	73		
St. Paul, Plymouth	329	George E. Soper	Dea Fred C. Luff
" Pacific	185	J. Alexander Jenkins	John M. Boxell
" Atlantic	92	[W. W. Lewis, Presb.]	George D. Hammond
" Park	331	Alexander McGregor	Albert M. Burch
" St. Anthony Park	157	Edwin S. Pressey	Henry L. Hunter
" Bethany	90	William W. Newell	E. J. Souther
" Olivet, (Merriam Park)	134	H. Arthur Risser	S. J. Clark
" South Park	40	James B. Drew	J. N. Irving
" Peoples	469	Samuel G. Smith	L. A. Straight
" University Avenue	49	Henry W. Parsons	Rev. H. W. Parsons
" Peoples, (Hazel Park)	22	Tell A. Turner	R. F. Hiler
" German Peoples	50	William Oehler	G. A. Rinker
Sandstone, Swedish	12	Andrew G. Nelson	Aug. Walden
Spencerbrook	52	Alfred P. Engstrom	A. Dunder
Stewart	47	James W. Danford	Dea. E. Baumgarten
Stillwater	169	John H. Albert	Miss Mary Jenks
Sunrise	7		Mrs. C. Spivak
Wayzata	28	Alice Ruth Palmer	Mrs. Amy Ray
Winthrop	53	Charles A. Ruddock	Miss Anna Campbell

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II. CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Glenwood, June 21, 1898.

REGISTRAR: George L. Treat, Alexandria.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. G. Ernest Smith, Rev. F. A. Sumner, George L. Treat.

CHURCHES.	MEMS.	MINISTERS.	CHURCH CLERKS.
Alexandria	173		A. S. Mason
Big Lake, (Union)	63	[Frank P. Ferguson, *Lic*]	A. J. Johnson
Burtrum, (Palmer)	69	William E. Griffith	Miss Ella Willson
Cable, (Clear Lake)	18	Hiram H. Appelman	Mrs. M. Ayers
Clarissa	19	[Isaac N. English, U B]	Mrs. P. A. Leighton
Clearwater	50	J. Lewis Jones	Samuel Whiting
Glenwood	68	William J. Brown	W. A. Simonton
Grey Eagle	24	William E. Griffith	Mrs. J. K. Hindman
Hasty	24	J. Lewis Jones	Mrs. Sarah Sheldon
Hudson, (Villard)	13		Mrs. Nellie Myers
Little Falls	173	Frederick A. Sumner	E. L. Brown
Maplewood, (Huff)	21		P. O. DeMoss
Monticello	100	Roland S. Cross	A. H. Bertram
Orrock, (Union)	13	[Frank P. Ferguson, *Lic*]	James Orrock
Paynesville	72	Charles H. Chapin	L. M. Bennett
Pillsbury	26		Charles G. Close
Randall	18		C. C. Cochran
Round Prairie	31	J. Frank Locke	J. McCarahan
St. Cloud	113	Isaac B. Tracy	J. F. Jerrard
" a Sauk Rapids, Swdsh	57	John Rood	John Erickson
Sauk Center	198	G. Ernest Smith	Dea. James A. Norris
Sauk Rapids	37	Hiram H. Appelman	J. P. Carpenter
" " Swedish		See St. Cloud	
Swanville	12		Mrs. A. Austin
Upsala, Swedish	98	Nels James Bolin	Gust Nelson
Villard	41	Edward N. Ruddock	Daniel W. Shear
West Union	13		Mrs. E. L. Herbert

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III. DULUTH CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Pilgrim Church, Duluth, May 31, 1898.

REGISTRAR: A. G. Strong, Duluth.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. Geo. W. Gallagher, Rev. C. H. Patton, Dr. Manson.

CHURCHES.	MEMS.	MINISTERS.	CHURCH CLERKS.
Aitkin	20	Jeremiah Kimball	A. L. Hamilton
Biwabik	11	Charles E. Wilcox	Rev. C. E. Wilcox
Brainerd, 1st	127	George W. Gallagher	Frank A. White
" 2nd	49	Martin B. Bird	Frank Horton
Duluth, Pilgrim	364	Cornelius H. Patton	Charles I. Turner
" West Plymouth	78	Jeremiah Kimball	Carl Weaver
" New Mayflower	24		George M. Keyes
" Morley	36		Dea. C. A Gregory
Hibbing	12	[Howard Moore, Presb]	Rev. H. Moore
Walker	8	Frank A. Bown	Mrs. John Rouck

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE: Martin W. Bird, Frank A. Bown, George W. Gallagher, Jeremiah Kimball, William W. Newell, Cornelius H. Patton, Charles E. Wilcox.

IV. MANKATO CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Fairmont, May 11, 1898.

REGISTRAR: Rev. F. H. Oehler, New Richland.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. J. P. Dickerman, Rev. T. Merrill, Edmands, Dea. George O. Moore.

CHURCHES.	MEMS.	MINISTERS.	CHURCH CLERKS.
Ash Creek	13	William J. Conard	F. D. Everett
Belgrade, (Mankato)	71	[Josiah L. Keene, Free M]	Dea. W. G. Clark
Edgerton	67	Pliny H. Fisk	Mrs. P. H. Fisk
Ellsworth	30	William J. Conard	George W. Shurr
Fairmont	108	Josiah P. Dickerman	Abram Houghtaling
Fraser, (Fairmont)	32	[John Hoffman, *Lic*]	Mrs. B. Ryder
Freeborn	60	Wilbur Fisk	Mrs. Abby Olson
Freedom, (Alma City)	34	Wilbur Fisk	S O. Garlick
Granada	33	[John A. Hoffman, *Lic*]	Mrs. M. Z. Betts
Hartland	13	Frederick H. Oehler	Mrs. Mary Douglass
Kanaranzi	15	William J. Conard	Mrs Mary E. Long
Kasota, Swedish	38	Ernest V. Bjorklund	John Olson
Lake Belt	33		P. C. Holmes
Mankato	160	T. Merrill Edmands	Mrs. Thos. Hughes
" Swedish	74	Ernest V. Bjorklund	B. Noedgren
Mapleton	79	Jules A. Derome	Dea. J. Johnston, Jr.
McPherson, (St. Clair)	12		Mrs. E. W. Axtelle
New Richland	51	Frederick H. Oehler	Mrs. E. E. Cram
Salem	40	John E. Jones	David L. Harris
Sherburn	66		W. L. Russell
South Bend	26		Dea. W. W. Davis
Waseca	168	Fernando E. Carter	F. W. Roth
Worthington	132	Charles W. Merrill	Dea Geo. O. Moore

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V. MINNESOTA VALLEY CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Benson, June 7, 1898.

REGISTRAR: D. T. Wheaton, Morris.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. J. W. Todd, Rev. A. H. Tebbets Rev. J. L. Nott.

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Appleton	51	Eli C. Lyon	Mrs. C. A. Kingsley
Benson	53	Jairus L. Nott	Mrs. W. A. Foland
Campbell	27		C. B. Wintersteen.
Chokio	7		Mrs. H. Ackerman
Dawson	70	James Watt	F. C. Grow
Graceville	44		Mrs. J. Brynildsen
Granite Falls	33	James Earl	Miss Mamie Cross
Hancock	31	George R. Searles	Mrs. F. H. Angier
Lake Emily, (Hancock)	6	George R. Searles	Mrs. J. Councilman
Madison	44	David Donovan	Mrs. Ida Sias
Marietta	9	David Donovan	Mrs. H. M. Bell
Montevideo	95	John W. Todd	P. L. Norman
Morris	107	Arthur H. Tebbets	Dea. D. T. Wheaton
Ortonville	70	Fred L. Meske	Miss Etta Mathews
Tintah	17		Mrs. H. S. Nuckolls

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE: Samuel R. Brush, Harry A. Cotton, Clement M. G. Harwood, Eli C. Lyons, Robert F. Paxton, Everett A. Powell, Charles A. Ruddock, George R. Searles, Otis A. Starr, Arthur H. Tebbets, John W. Todd, Edwin E. Webber.

VI. NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Staples, June 21, 1898.

REGISTRAR: C. R. Andrews, Ada.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Dea. A. A. Miller, Rev. J. H. B. Smith, Rev. Francis Wrigley.

CHURCHES.	MEMS.	MINISTERS.	CHURCH CLERKS.
Ada	49	William A. Whitcomb	Fred L Hampson
Audubon	23	Ernest C. Chevis	Gilbert Hunt
Barnesville	71	T. Henry Lewis	Dea. A. F. Packard
Bertha	12	[Isaac N. English, U. B.]	C. H. Hinman
Crookston	76	Herman P. Fisher	W. L. Vannet
Detroit City	76	George Michael	Miss Bessie L. Furber
Fergus Falls	98	Clement M.G. Harwood	Charles Adams
Pertile	21	Benjamin Iorns	Miss M. Courtright
Fosston	14		A. W. Foss
Georgetown	11		Mrs. T. Hutchinson
Glyndon	63		W. B. Tate
Hawley, Union	45	Oscar M. Smith	Dea. A. Colburn
Lake Park	18	Ernest C. Chevis	Mrs. F. B. Hegley
Lake View, (Detroit City)	14		Dea. T. Corbett
Maple Bay	5		Mrs. L. A. Hunter
McIntosh	12	[May Darling, Presb.]	Mrs. C. L. Pratt
Mentor	9		A. D. Tice
Moorhead	62	John S. Rood	Dea. J. Costain
Park Rapids	36		Mrs. Blanch Field
Pelican Rapids	63	Edward P. Crane	Mrs. H. N. Bruce
Staples	56	Delbert W. Cram	W. S. Gish
Verndale	22		C. B. Bullard
Wadena	127	John H. B. Smith	John Liddell
West Dora, (Lida)	28	[Sheldon Slater, *Lic*]	Mrs. S. E. Armitage

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VII. OWATONNA CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Northfield, May 10, 1898.

REGISTRAR: Rev. James E. McConnell, Northfield.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. C. E. Wright, Rev. J. E. McConnell, Rev. W. A. Warren.

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Austin	350	Cassius E. Wright	Walter B. Waldron
Cannon City, (Dean)	54		Dea. Caleb G. Pye
Cannon Falls	68		Darwin B. Yale
Claremont	35	Harry A. Cotton	Mrs. E. Way
Dexter	21	David Donaldson	Mrs. Bessie Buck
Dodge Center	59	Harry A. Cotton	Dea. T. J. Hunt
Faribault	365	George S. Ricker	Alexander Keene
Grand Meadow	30	Thomas W. Minnis	John DeYoung
Hamilton	62		Mrs. M. L. Knox
Lyle	39	Carl J. Swain	James A. Curran
Mantorville	161	William C. A. Wallar	Mrs. W. C. A. Wallar
Medford	91	William R. Stewart	Dea. Daniel McKinley
Morristown	61	Calvin W. Duncan	Mrs. Byron Hollister
Northfield	502	James E. McConnell	H. W. McChesney
Owatonna	245	Joseph H. Chandler	Dr. J. P. Johnson
Rose Creek	22	Carl J. Swain	Mrs. Kate Rounce
Spring Valley	262	Willis A. Warren	Dea. W. L. Kellogg
Taopi	20	David Donaldson	Mr. Nukin
Waterville	44	Calvin W. Duncan	Mrs. Lewis B. Kenrick
Welch	22		Archibald Black

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VIII. WESTERN CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Lamberton, June 14, 1898.

REGISTRAR: Rev. Albert Warren, Lake Benton.

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CHURCHES.	MEMS.	MINISTERS.	CHURCH CLERKS.
Cornish, Union	30	Charles A. Ruddock	Miss E. Swanson
Custer, Bethel	67	Rufus P Upton	William Morgan
Garvin	31	Rufus P. Upton	Dea. W. W. Jones
Lake Benton	41	Robert G. Jones	Mrs. J. B Davidson
Lake Stay	28		Mrs. A. P. Chase
Lamberton	43	Enoch E. Rogers	A. A. McLeland
Marshall	139	George M. Morrison	J. C. Lawrence
New Ulm	85	Harry H. Johnson	A. H. Lienhard
Selma	48	Guy H. Rice	F. E. Dewey
Sleepy Eye	98	William Blackwell	Isaac Gallagher
Springfield	44	Guy H. Rice	Mrs. Mary P. Rowe
Tyler	22	Robert G. Jones	A. J. Cox

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IX. WINONA CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Lake City, May 17, 1898.

REGISTRAR: Rev. J. F. Taintor, Rochester.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. W. H. Medlar, Rev. James Oakey, W. H. Laird.

CHURCHES.	MEMS.	MINISTERS.	CHURCH CLERKS.
Lake City	252	Ezra B. Chase	Mrs. C. E. Dutcher
" Salem Swedish	36	Emil A. Anderson	E. S Anderson
Mazeppa	59	J. Edward Ingham	Mrs. J. W. Kingsley
Plainview	136	Frank J. Brown.	Mrs. G. A. Lyon
Rochester	165	Jesse F. Taintor	J. W. Soule
St. Charles	81		Mrs. Lizzie E. Brewer
Stewartville	75	William Lodwick	Charles Tubbs
Wabasha	168	William H. Medlar	Dr. C. H. Robinson
Winona, 1st	370	Lester L. West	George J. Hillyer
" 2nd	93	Henry H Stutson	Dea. E. H. Thresher
" Scandinavian	42	Hans F. Josephson	Axel Bard
Wiscoy (Witoka)	16		R. B. Thomas
Zumbro Falls	33	J. Edward Ingham	Miss Grace Disney
Zumbrota	144	James Oakey	John L. Williams

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UNASSOCIATED CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	NAMES.	MINISTERS.	CHURCH CLERKS.
Belview	22	James Earl	W. H. Wallace
Correll	14	Eli C. Lyons	Mrs. C. Hudson
Culdrum, Swedish	8	[C. J. Johnson, Forb't]	Peter Shublom
Elmdale, Bohemian	9		
Franconia, Swedish	14	John G. Princell	Mrs. J. Princell
Ham Lake, Swedish	20		
Kragness	18		
Lida Lake, Swedish, (Erhard)	15		Christian Toso
McKinley	7		
Minneiska			
Mud Lake, (Attica)			
New York Mills	8	Esther Smith	Mrs. C. Pendergrast
Perham	16	[Albert B. Barnes, *Lic*]	Mrs. W. H Hanscom
Star Lake			

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Town or City.	Org	Name.	Name.	Ord	C'd	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	C.	L.	To.	Dh.	L.	De.	To.	Ad.	Inf.
Ada	'82	Fred L. Hampson	William A. Whitcomb, *p*	'96	'96	13	36	49	6	3	7	10	0	0	0	0	1	2
Afton	'58	Richard Buzwell	Albert A. Davis, *p*	'93	'97	2	3	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Aitkin	'83	Arthur L. Hamilton	Jeremiah Kimball, *p*	'91	'98	5	15	20	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alexandria	'67	A. S. Mason				63	110	173	34	17	7	24	2	3	0	5	5	1
Anoka	'55	E. L. Curial	John I. Sanford, *p*	'96	'97	41	115	154	16									
Appleton	'79	Mrs. G. A. Kingsley	Eli C. Lyon, *p*	'93	'95	15	36	51	10	6	1	7	1	2	0	3	4	1
Arcola, **Marine Mills**	'78																	
Ash Creek	'89	F. D. Everett	William J. Conard, *p*	'89	'94	5	8	13	9	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	
Audubon	'72	Gilbert Hunt	Ernest C. Chevis, *p*	'90	'96	11	12	23	0	0	1	1	0	1	3	4	0	0
Austin	'57	W. E. Waldron	Cassius E. Wright, *p. c*	'71	'74	149	201	350	24	3	3	6	5	12	1	18	1	5
Barnesville	'85	Dea. A. F. Packard	T. Henry Lewis, *p*	'94	'98	21	43	64	4	2	0	2	2	0	11	13	2	3
Belgrade, **Mankato**	'80	Dea. William G. Clark	[Josiah L. Keene, Free M.]		'97	28	43	71	7	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
Belview	'97	W. H. Wallace	James Earl, *p*	'89	'97	6	16	22	4	17	5	22	0	0	0	0	5	1
Benson	'76	Mrs. W. A. Foland	Jairus L. Nott, *p*	'85	'97	13	40	53	8	4	1	5	0	4	0	4	0	2
Bertha	'89	Charles H. Hinman	[Isaac N. English, U. B.]		'97	6	6	12	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Lake, Union	'84	A. J. Johnson	[Frank P. Ferguson, *Lic*]		'96	25	38	63	8	6	3	9	1	1	10	12	3	3
Biwabik	'92	Rev. C. B. Wilcox	Charles B. Wilcox, *p*	'93	'97	5	6	11	0	2	2	4	0	0	29	29	0	5
Brainerd, 1st	'72	Frank A. White	George W. Gallagher, *p*	'78	'97	36	91	127	17	4	7	11	1	13	0	14	2	0
" 2nd	'84	Frank Horton	Martin B. Bird, *p. c*	'96	'96	21	28	49	4	11	13	24	0	1	0	1	2	1
Brownton	'83	John P. West	James W. Danford, *p*	'85	'93	11	25	36	3	2	0	2	2	1	0	3	1	0
Burtrum, **Palmer**	'91	Miss Ella Willson	William E. Griffith, *p*	'97	'97	31	38	69	7	0	6	6	0	2	15	17	0	0
Cable, **Clear Lake**	'86	Mrs. M. Ayers	Hiram H. Appelman, *p*	'95	'96	4	14	18	3	2	2	4	1	0	0	1	0	3
Campbell	'86	C. B. Wintersteen				10	17	27	3	2	2	4	0	2	0	2	1	3
Cannon City, **Dean**	'88	Dea. Caleb G. Pye				25	29	54	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cannon Falls	'56	Darwin B. Yale				43	68	111										
Chokio	'97	Mrs. H. Ackerman				3	4	7	0	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Claremont	'60	Mrs. E. Way	Harry A. Cotton, *p*	'88	'97	13	22	35	5	0	0	0	1	6	0	7	0	0
Clarissa	'90	Mrs. T. A. Leighton	[Isaac N. English, U. B.]		'97	4	15	19	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clearwater	'59	Samuel Whiting	J. Lewis Jones, *p*	'95	'95	12	38	50	6	9	3	12	1	1	0	2	6	1
Cornish	'97	Miss Esther Swanson	Charles A. Ruddock, *p*	'61	'97	13	17	30	0	30	0	30	0	0	0	0	12	6
*Correll	'96	Mrs. Charles Hudson	Eli C. Lyons, *p*	'93	'95	2	12	14	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
Cottage Grove	'58	John P. Furber	George S. Biscoe, *p*	'61	'96	22	50	72	11	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	1
Crookston	'78	W. L. Vannet	Herman P. Fisher, *p. c*	'85	'94	25	51	76	32	6	0	6	0	1	0	1	3	1
*Culdrum, Sw'sh, **Swanville**	'96	Peter Shublom	[C. G. Johnson, Forbt.]		'97	4	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
Custer	'75	William Morgan, Tracy	Rufus P. Upton, *p*	'97	'96	40	27	67	15	1	2	3	0	10	0	10	0	0
Dawson	'87	F. C. Grow	James Watt, *p*	'97	'97	28	42	70	8	4	2	6	0	3	3	6	4	4
Detroit City	'72	Miss Bessie L. Furber	George Michael, *p*	'74	'96	21	55	76	12	4	8	12	0	5	9	14	2	0
Dexter	'77	Mrs. Bessie Buck	David Donaldson, *p*	'94	'98	8	13	21										
Dodge Center	'58	D a. T. J. Hunt	Harry A. Cotton, *p*	'88	'97	24	35	59	13	7	0	7	0	4	0	4	3	0
Duluth, Pilgrim	'71	Charles I. Turner	Cornelius H. Patton, *p. c*	'95	'95	127	237	364	46	20	24	44	2	15	18	35	10	9
" West Plymouth	'88	Carl Weaver	Jeremiah Kimball, *p*	'91	'98	34	44	78	52	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
" Mayflower	'91	George W. Keyes				10	14	24	10	0	0	0	2	6	4	12	0	0

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Place.	The Superintendent.	Mr.	Av.	Fam.		For'n	H'n	C'h Rg.	H'e M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	M. A.	Other.	TOTAL.	Leg.	
Ada	Charles R. Andrews	75	48	50	28	30	10	13	17	16	15	0	37	138	0	832
Afton	Rev. A. A. Davis	25	12	6	.....	0	0	7	5	0	0	0	0	12	0	30
Aitkin	A. L. Hamilton	80	43	50	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	533
Alexandria	J. H. Wettleson	259	135	150	40	56	50	31	200	17	14	0	40	408	0	2529
Anoka	Mrs. L. S. Gould	40	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Appleton	Miss Emma Thune	125	80	35	35	0	0	0	5	0	4	0	0	9	0	550
Arcola, Marine Mills		47	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ash Creek	B. D. Knight	25	15	20	.....	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	120
Audubon	Rev. E. C. Chevis	50	20	15	.....	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	7	0	206
Austin	A. N. Decker	250	154	150	73	109	18	18	79	78	27	7	107	443	0	2585
Barnesville	W. L. Harrison	150	101	80	50	9	10	6	20	0	6	0	13	64	0	1050
Belgrade, Mankato	Mrs. L. J. Betts	75	54	25	21	22	0	8	7	0	0	0	2	39	0	364
Belview	Mrs. D. Adsit	42	30	20	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	25	0	1225
Benson	Henry P. McConnell	110	65	30	.....	4	0	3	7	0	0	0	0	14	0	876
Bertha	Hale O. LeGro	62	22	20	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	614
Big Lake, Union	C. V. Snyder	100	65	20	50	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	10	0	500
Biwabik	Rev. C. E. Wilcox	84	48	32	.....	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	195
Brainerd, 1st	Mrs. J. N. Nevers	155	100	80	40	1	0	29	2	1	0	0	21	64	0	1278
" 2nd	Elmer E. Warren	125	86	85	50	0	0	0	0	9	0	1	8	18	0	383
Brownton	Alfred Jury	70	58	20	14	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	380
Burtrum, Palmer	Rev. W. E. Griffith	67	50	40	69	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	3	0	316
Cable, Clear Lake	Samuel Biggerstaff	37	22	10	.....	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	10	16	0	93
Campbell	Mrs. W. H. Cross	60	45	40	19	0	10	31	6	0	6	0	0	53	0	636
Cannon City, Dean	Elijah Walrod	50	25	25	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
Cannon Falls	Geo. T. Valentine	83	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chokio	Mrs. H. Ackerman	30	18	.....	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....
Claremont	George Brewer	86	44	20	20	4	0	3	0	2	4	0	0	13	0	340
Clarissa	F. B. Nutting	54	34	.....	21	0	0	101	0	0	0	0	0	101	0	145
Clearwater	W. B. Pineo	75	40	50	80	2	0	0	6	4	0	0	0	12	0	500
Cornish	Albert Dunwell	45	30	10	20	0	0	0	3	0	5	0	0	8	0	75
*Correll	E. M. Richardson	45	30	20	.....	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	700
Cottage Grove	Maurice Watson	40	20	50	.....	6	0	2	14	2	2	0	28	54	0	443
Crookston	Miss Evelyn Hall	66	45	53	50	26	17	16	40	3	3	2	21	128	0	2300
*Culdrum, Sw'sh, Swanville	John Rylander	21	14	20	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	845
Custer	John R. Hughes	35	21	23	.....	6	0	2	11	1	1	0	6	27	0	248
Dawson	F. C. Grow	75	60	22	31	0	0	55	5	0	0	0	5	65	0	800
Detroit City	S. M. Hume	113	63	25	48	8	2	3	8	1	2	2	0	26	0	674
Dexter	Rev. C. W. Duncan	95	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dodge Center	Mrs. Frank Allen	60	45	20	21	2	0	4	4	1	1	5	5	22	0	625
Duluth, Pilgrim	Theron H. Hawkes, Jr	261	219	200	175	243	29	22	332	92	29	15	412	1174	0	9168
" West Plymouth	H. K. Bearley	78	50	12	.....	5	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	15	0	250
" Mayflower	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	0	2	2	2	1	0	0	9	0	180

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Duluth, Morley	'94	Dea. C. A. Gregory..				11	25	36	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Edgerton	'80	Mrs. P. H. Fisk	Pliny H. Fisk, *p.*	'85	'97	23	44	67	14	24	5	29	2	7	11	20	17	4
Elk River, Union	'75	W. G. Babcock				34	79	113	44	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	2	0
Ellsworth	'90	George W. Shurr	William J. Conard, *p*	'89	'94	10	20	30	2	3	4	7	1	3	0	4	3	1
*Elmdale, Bohemian	'97					4	5	9	0									
Excelsior	'53	Miss Ella M. Stratton	Charles L. Mears, *p*	'96	'96	56	93	149	0	8	8	16	4	4	6	14	2	2
Fairmont	'68	Abram Houghtaling	Josiah P. Dickerman, *p*	'91	'96	30	78	108	12	3	1	4	0	4	0	4	3	2
Fair Oaks, Ham Lake	'95	Nellie M. Grippen				12	13	25	4	8	0	8	0	0	0	0	5	0
Faribault	'56	Alexander Keene	George S. Ricker, *p*	'72	'94	119	246	365	48	6	6	12	3	8	0	11	5	21
Fergus Falls	'72	Charles Adams	Clement M. G. Harwood, *p.*	'70	'96	27	71	98	12	15	4	19	1	7	0	8	0	0
Fertile	'88	Miss M. Courtright	Benjamin Iorns, *p*	'96	'97	4	17	21	4	2	4	6	0	2	1	3	1	0
Fosston	'87	A. W. Foss				5	9	14										
*Franconia, Swedish	'95	Mrs. Josephine Princell.	John G. Princell, *p*	'76	'97	7	7	14	0	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	2
Fraser, Fairmont	'94	Mrs. Effie Ryder	[John Hoffman, *Lic*]		'97	16	16	32	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Freeborn	'73	Mrs. Abby Olson	Wilbur Fisk, *p. c*	'76	'75	27	33	60	12	3	1	4	0	3	0	3	1	1
Freedom, Alma City	'78	S. O. Garlick, Cream	Wilbur Fisk, *p*	'76	'85	12	22	34	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Garvin	'91	Dea. W. W. Jones	Rufus P. Upton, *p*	'97	'96	15	16	31	5	5	5	10	0	2	3	5	3	3
Georgetown	'91	Mrs. I. Hutchinson				5	6	11										
Glencoe	'57	D. Nelson Hassan	Charles H. Routliffe, *p*	'91	'95	50	100	150	35	16	0	16	1	0	0	1	0	8
Glenwood	'85	W. A. Simonton	William J. Brown, *p*	'91	'97	22	41	63	20	4	6	10	1	0	1	2	4	4
Glyndon	'72	W. E. Tate				25	38	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Graceville	'87	Mrs. J. Brynildsen				11	33	44	5	9	2	11	0	2	0	2	2	2
Granada	'92	Mrs. M. Z. Betts	[John A. Hoffman, *Lic*]		'97	12	21	33	8	8	3	11	1	2	0	3	0	0
Grand Meadow	'78	John DeYoung	Thomas W. Minnis, *p*	'84	'97	9	21	30	3	0	2	2	0	5	1	6	0	1
Granite Falls	'72	Miss Mamie Cross	James Earl, *p*	'89	'98	12	21	33	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	0	0
Grey Eagle	'91	Mrs. T. K. Hindman	William E. Griffith, *p*	'97	'96	10	14	24	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
Groveland, Chowen	'82	Mrs. Ida C. Waters	Alice Ruth Palmer, *p*	'96	'96	9	15	24	3									
Hamilton	'60	Mrs. M. L. Knox				22	40	62										
*Ham Lake, Swedish	'90					10	10	20										
Hancock	'73	Mrs. P. H. Angier	George R. Searls, *p*	'67	'96	8	23	31	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Hartland	'73	Mrs. Mary Douglass	Frederick H. Oehler, *p*	'90	'95	4	9	13	2	0	1	1	0	3	0	3	0	1
Hasty	'89	Mrs. Sarah Sheldon	J. Lewis Jones, *p*	'95	'95	7	17	24	1									
Hawley, Union	'73	Dea. Adna Colburn	Oscar M. Smith, *p*	'68	'79	15	30	45	5	0	0	0	1	1	5	7	0	7
*Hibbing	'97	Rev. H. Moore	[Howard Moore, Presb.]		'98	5	7	12	4	11	1	12	0	0	0	0	1	2
Hudson, Villard	'88	Mrs. Nellie Meyers				7	6	13	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Hutchinson	'70	Mrs C. E. Gillett	Zwingle H. Smith, *p*	'90	'96	26	92	118	8	34	4	38	0	10	15	25	19	6
Kanaranzi	'92	Mrs. Mary E. Long	Willam J. Conard, *p*	'89	'94	8	7	15	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	5
Kasota, Swedish	'89	John Olson	Ernest V. Bjorklund, *p*	'96	'95	14	19	33	0	6	0	6	0	1	2	3	0	6
*Kragness	'96					6	12	18	0									
Lake Belt	'93	P. C. Holmes			'97	12	21	33	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lake Benton	'80	Mrs. J. B. Davidson	Robert G. Jones, *p*	'91	'97	9	32	41	11	1	1	2	0	2	0	2	1	0
Lake City	'56	Mrs. C. E. Dutcher	Ezra B. Chase, *p*	'76	'92	82	170	252	35	8	7	15	1	5	2	8	0	0

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Duluth, Morley	C. A. Gregory	133	95	50	30	8	0	3	2	8	0	0	0	21	0	1455
Edgerton	Rev. P. H. Fisk	115	48	80	38	0	0	8	12	0	3	0	0	23	0	300
Elk River, Union	J. H. Williams	160	111	80	70	22	0	8	20	8	0	0	43	101	0	1311
Ellsworth	A. B. Huntington	100	55	60	25	0	0	2	4	0	2	0	25	33	0	584
*Elmdale, Bohemian																
Excelsior	James I. Wyer	140	85	150	58	38	26	5	24	12	5	0	2	112	0	2000
Fairmont	Wilbur G. Brown	170	110	60	90	20	14	8	62	7	8	7	50	176	0	5355
Fair Oaks, Ham Lake	Horace Boxwell	40	25		23	2	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	17
Faribault	H. K. Humphrey	378	208	225	80	303	171	42	198	108	27	11	560	1420	0	2882
Fergus Falls	Peter Winsor	150	90	80	35	19	0	20	9	0	0	0	18	66	0	2080
Fertile	J. S. LaDue	40	29	45		0	0	5	18	0	4	0	0	27	0	248
Fosston	Mrs. M. E. Clough	70	40													
*Franconia, Swedish	Gustaf Hammerberg	31	25			0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	60
Fraser, Fairmont	A. T. French	40	26	6	26	0	0	0	5	3	0	0	0	8	0	50
Freeborn	F. K. Snyder	77	42	21	23	20	6	8	13	12	4	0	0	63	0	260
Freedom, Alma City	Mrs. Mary Davidson	30	20	21	25	2	0	4	0	3	0	0	0	9	0	250
Garvin	Mrs. A. E. Jones	39	28	14	18	5	15	3	9	1	3	1	11	48	0	148
Georgetown		40	50													
Glencoe	Charles M. DeLeenne	182	132	80	90	31	0	10	0	0	4	0	0	45	0	1325
Glenwood	C. A. Fjelstad	100	70	80	71	6	0	0	6	0	0	0	21	33	0	1215
Glyndon	A. A. Mumford	55	46	35	32	8	2	1	12	2	2	0	5	32	0	690
Graceville	Glen R. Howard	80	69	30	40	8	6	4	21	6	2	0	40	87	0	800
Granada	Charles Bowdry	68	53	55	50	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	5	0	479
Grand Meadow	Mrs. Josie Greening	55	40	30	27	8	0	5	15	0	0	0	0	28	0	400
Granite Falls	Frank Dillingham			50		0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	199
Grey Eagle	Mrs. B. Ruddock	39	20	30		0	1	2	4	0	0	0	0	7	0	112
Groveland, Chowen	Mrs. Ida C. Waters	60	45													
Hamilton	C. H. Steffens	72	48													
*Ham Lake, Swedish																
Hancock	Mrs. A. L. Beggs	70	40	70		0	0	2	10	0	5	0	0	17	0	504
Hartland	F. B. Phipps	30	18	10		0	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	7	0	100
Hasty	R. D. Sheldon	56	40													
Hawley, Union	Fred J. Southwell	100	70	28	50	27	0	0	18	5	5	0	8	63	0	600
*Hibbing	W. H. Moore	25	18	15		0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	170
Hudson, Villard	Mrs. L. I. McGrary	37	24	19		0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	69
Hutchinson	C. K. Goodnow	160	107	180	96	43	0	2	35	1	0	0	24	105	0	1323
Kanaranzi	W. Martin	40	20	20	18	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	102
Kasota, Swedish	John Bergquist	20	15	19		25	0	1	12	0	0	0	8	46	0	300
*Kragness	Mrs. E. I. Parker	46	29													
Lake Belt	P. D. Warthley	55	45	15		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Lake Benton	Rev. A. Warren	40	23	16	23	1	0	10	4	7	1	0	0	23	0	499
Lake City	J. T. Wallis	185	138	100	119	74	12	32	175	21	17	0	60	391	0	1880

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Lake City, Swedish	'85	B. S. Anderson	Emil A. Anderson, *p*	'95	'97	16	20	36	1	19	2	21	1	0	0	1	0	6
Lake Emily, **Hancock**	'83	Mrs. J. Councilman	George R. Searles, *p*	'67	'97	1	5	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lakeland	'58	Anna Rockstrole	Albert A. Davis, *p*	'93	'96	7	15	22	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Lake Park	'91	Mrs. F. B. Higby	Ernest C. Chevis, *p*	'90	'96	8	10	18	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0
Lake Stay	'80	Mrs. A. F. Chase				10	18	28	8	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Lake View, **Detroit City**	'79	Dea. T. Corbett				4	10	14	0									
Lamberton	'89	A. A. McLeland	Enoch E. Rogers, *p*	'69	'96	14	29	43	6	3	8	11	0	1	0	1	0	0
*Lida Lake, Swd'sh, **Erhard**	'97	Christian Toso				9	6	15	0	15	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	1
Little Falls	'72	E. S. Brown	Frederick A. Sumner, *p*	'94	'97	54	119	173	40	1	2	3	0	3	3	6	0	1
Long Lake	'88																	
Lyle	'86	James A. Curran	Carl J. Swain, *p*	'91	'96	18	21	39	1	1	3	4	0	2	0	2	1	0
*McIntosh	'92	Mrs. C. L. Pratt	[May Darling, Presb.]		'98	5	7	12	1	1	1	2	0	2	0	2	0	2
McKinley	'93					3	4	7	0									
McPherson, **St. C'air**	'75	Mrs. B. W. Axtelle				2	10	12										
Madison	'86	Mrs. Ida Sias	David Donovan, *p*	'87	'92	11	36	47	8	3	3	6	1	3	0	4	0	4
Manchester, **Armstrong**	'87	E. W. Hall				3	2	5	0									
Mankato	'70	Mrs. Thomas Hughes	T. Merrill Edmands, *p*	'88	'97	55	105	160	46	6	8	14	1	11	3	15	2	0
" Swedish	'89	E. Nordgren	Ernest V. Bjorklund, *p*	'96	'95	30	44	74	0	12	0	12	2	4	0	6	0	6
Mantorville	'58	Mrs. W. C. A. Wallar	William C. A. Wallar, *p*	'89	'96	54	107	161	9	2	4	6	1	3	0	4	2	3
Maple Bay, **Fertile**	'87	Mrs. L. A. Hunter				1	4	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mapleton	'82	Dea. J. Johnston, Jr.	Jules A. Derome, *p*	'89	'95	27	52	79	16	18	1	19	0	2	0	2	13	0
Maplewood, **Huff**	'92	P. O. DeMoss				7	14	21	0									
Marietta	'87	Mrs. H. M. Bell	David Donovan, *p*	'87	'96	3	6	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marshall	'72	J. C. Lawrence	George M. Morrison, *p. c*	'90	'94	49	90	139	16	3	3	6	2	2	0	4	2	2
Mazeppa	'60	Mrs. J. W. Kingsley	J. Edward Ingham, *p*	'96	'95	20	39	59	18	3	0	3	0	4	6	10	1	4
Medford	'56	Dea. D. McKinley	William R. Stewart, *p*	'68	'97	30	61	91	14	1	5	6	4	4	0	8	0	2
Mentor	'82	A. D. Tice	[May Darling, Presb.]		'98	3	6	9	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Minneapolis, 1st	'51	F. C. Chesbro	George R. Merrill, *p. c*	'67	'86	177	349	526	70	9	28	37	7	28	19	54	4	0
" Plymouth	'57	Harry B. Hendley	David N. Beach, *p. c*	'76	'96	399	574	973	76	13	32	45	15	48	6	69	7	8
" Park Avenue	'67	William M. Bristoll	George D. Black, *p*	'77	'94	222	401	623	160	3	21	24	6	29	0	35	3	7
" Pilgrim	'73	E. C. Scarborough	Calvin B. Moody, *p*	'80	'92	129	276	405	60	13	7	20	4	26	3	33	5	6
" Vine	'82	Dea. D. A. McCurdy	J. Bruce Mather, *p. c*	'91	'97	53	107	160	45	3	7	10	0	3	0	3	2	2
" Como Avenue	'82	H. L. McCluskey	John A. Stemen, *p c*	'86	'92	45	85	130	30	5	8	13	2	6	0	8	1	3
" Union, **St. Louis P'k**	'82	Mrs. J. Hamilton	David D. Davis, *p*	'69	'97	16	30	46	0	2	2	4	1	6	0	7	0	5
" Open Door	'84	Mrs. M. W. Stanley	William Hardcastle, *p*	'93	'97	46	113	159	12	1	2	3	3	8	0	11	1	1
" Lyndale	'84	Dea. F. T. Frary	Lewis H. Keller, *p*	'86	'94	90	214	304	38	8	18	26	3	15	8	21	1	5
" Piemont Avenue	'85	Wm. T. Coe	Richard Brown, *p*	'90	'96	65	110	175	28	12	36	48	1	13	0	14	0	3
" Fifth Avenue	'86	L. A. Condit	James E. Smith, *p*	'81	'96	46	96	142	12	3	7	10	2	14	10	26		
" Mizpah, **Hopkins**	'88	H. D. Truman	John A. Stemen, *p*	'86	'97	8	16	24	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	2
" Bethany	'89	Arthur E. Shaw	Stephen G. Updyke, *p*	'71	'97	46	57	103	32	10	11	21	2	6	0	8	3	2
" Robbinsdale	'89	Mrs. Ellen Bisbee	Samuel J. Rogers, *p. c*	'62	'92	28	46	74	3	0	7	7	1	0	3	4	0	0
" Lowry Hill	'90	William Cheney				79	120	199	14	4	26	30	1	1	0	2	1	0

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Lake City, Swedish	Rev. E. A. Anderson	53	22	30		0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	150
Lake Emily, **Hancock**	P. B. Councilman	39	18	12		0	0	3	2	0	3	0	1	9	0	467
Lakeland	Iva Davis	75	45	40		0	0	5	5	3	0	0	0	13	0	300
Lake Park	F. M. Higby	90	60	15	15	4	0	4	7	4	7	0	0	26	0	462
Lake Stay	Arthur Tebbets	37	26	8		9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	10	0	50
Lake View, **Detroit City**	Mrs. John West	54	35													
Lamberton	John Street	90	43	37	56	32	0	10	20	5	4	0	0	71	0	695
*Lida Lake, Swd'sh, **Erhard**	Nels Hagan	24	20	10		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Little Falls	Rev. F. A. Sumner	125	78	125	50	8	5	15	18	0	0	0	20	66	0	2508
Long Lake																
Lyle	O. C. Strock	50	37	30	35	2	0	10	10	0	5	0	0	27	0	700
*McIntosh	O. H. Herdahl	50	35	19		0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	175
McKinley																
McPherson, **St. Clair**	F. W. Smith	31	18													
Madison	J. Harradan	80	70	50		6	0	3	15	3	3	0	0	30	0	800
Manchester, **Armstrong**	E. W. Hall	32	20													
Mankato	Thomas Hughes	209	87	60	70	31	42	6	18	11	3	0	21	132	0	1085
" Swedish	E. Nordgren	64	50	50	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	29	0	520
Mantorville	William Denton	125	84	50	30	27	0	3	23	6	9	0	33	101	0	1553
Maple Bay, **Fertile**	Mrs. M. Horton	25	15	9		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Mapleton	R. L. Potter	125	70	40	35	26	0	0	20	0	0	0	49	95	0	797
Maplewood, **Huff**																
Marietta	Mrs. J. B. Smith	25	20	20	8	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	50
Marshall	Walter S. Little	143	85	85	59	57	70	17	74	55	10	4	38	325	0	1575
Mazeppa	Dea. W. H. Squire	85	60	75	58	21	0	12	40	15	4	0	8	100	0	530
Medford	James McKinley	61	45		41	18	7	6	18	7	7	3	0	66	0	975
Mentor	A. D. Tice	59	20			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Minneapolis, 1st	H. A. Scriver	780	490	540	108	130	10	28	450	137	60	15	63	893	0	5500
" Plymouth	Harrington Beard	1000	850	800	133	889	1173	189	869	312	180	71	2408	6091	0	9500
" Park Avenue	Charles L. Sawyer	475	328	225	150	251	44	10	83	67	14	0	5	474	0	5500
" Pilgrim	Lowell B. Jepson	609	354	400	101	300	61	37	97	39	10	2	241	787	0	3108
" Vine	E. M. Newcomb	240	198	150	105	87	50	0	24	7	0	0	19	187	0	1247
" Como Avenue	Charles M. Way	175	126	148	94	178	52	13	60	50	24	0	239	616	0	1732
" Union, **St. Louis P'k**	L. W. Tullen	75	60	40	30	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	0	1000
" Open Door	E. A. Cadwell	200	118	125	75	55	2	0	81	0	0	0	15	153	0	1200
" Lyndale	D. T. Shipman	450	350	300	140	145	54	26	218	45	20	0	35	543	0	3881
" Fremont Avenue	Geo. T. Duryea	340	220	90	110	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	90	0	1600
" Fifth Avenue	E. P. Leland	213	161	125	72	80	11	20	59	12	28	0	30	241	0	1804
" Mizpah, **Hopkins**	H. D. Truman	100	70	49	39	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	33	39	0	319
" Bethany	A. B. Shaw	300	175	100	68	8	0	0	0	6	4	0	10	28	0	1000
" Robbinsdale	Charles E. Wingate	140	84	42	75	15	20	0	18	17	7	1	7	85	0	800
" Lowry Hill	Eugene C. Mills	368	163	125	54	85	10	0	54	5	6	0	16	176	0	3433

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Minneapolis, 1st Scandinav'n	'91	Dea. Olaf Strand	Carl B. Bjuge, *p.*	'96	'96	12	15	27	2	3	0	3	0	0	2	2	0	13
" New Brighton	'90	Mrs. C. A. Thompson				14	24	38	3	5	4	9	0	7	0	7	3	0
" Oak Park	'91	Thomas J. Davis	[Frank L. Moore, Presb.]		'97	25	50	75	34	6	5	11	1	2	7	10	3	3
" Forest Heights	'94	W. V. Haight	Robert A. Hadden, *p.*	'95	'98	54	90	144	15	15	15	30	0	4	0	4	8	0
" Temple, Swedish	'97	W. Fallin	Jonas M. Ahnstrom, *p.*	'95	'97	27	38	65	0	67	0	67	0	2	0	2	0	7
" 38th St	'97	Rev. D. D. Davis	David D. Davis, *p.*	'69	'97	15	15	30	0									
Minneiska	'93																	
Montevideo	'72	P. L. Norman	John W. Todd, *p.*	'82	'92	35	60	95	15	4	6	10	0	5	0	5	4	2
Monticello	'56	A. H. Bertram	Roland S. Cross, *p.*	'76	'95	33	67	100	10	3	0	3	0	2	0	2	1	0
Moorhead	'94	Dea. J. Costain	John S. Rood, *p.*	'87	'97	19	43	62	10	12	13	25	0	1	0	1	2	5
Morris	'74	Dea. D. T. Wheaton	Arthur H. Tebbets, *p.*	'74	'94	40	67	107	26	2	8	10	1	9	0	10	0	0
Morristown	'78	Mrs. Byron Hollister	Calvin W. Duncan, *p.*	'94	'97	24	37	61	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	1
*Mud Lake, Attica	'94					10	12	22										
New Richland	'82	Mrs. E. E. Cram	Fred H. Oehler, *p.*	'90	'95	16	31	47	9	5	2	7	0	1	0	1	1	1
New Ulm	'83	A. H. Lienhard	Harry H. Johnson, *p.*	'97	'97	29	56	85	13	2	8	10	0	0	0	0	1	5
*New York Mills	'95	Mrs. C. Pendergrast	Esther Smith, *p.*	'93	'97	3	5	8	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	0
North Branch	'83	Ephraim E. Rogers	William A. Wilkinson, *p.*	'97	'98	5	8	13	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northfield	'56	H. W. McChesney	James E. McConnell, *p. c.*	'87	'90	182	320	502	97	25	23	48	14	26	7	47	2	0
Orrock, Union	'95	James Orrock	[Frank P. Ferguson, *Lic.*]		'96	6	7	13	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
Ortonville	'76	Miss Etta Mathews	Fred L. Meske, *p.*	'91	'97	14	56	70	21	3	1	4	0	0	2	2	0	0
Owatonna	'57	Dr. J. P. Johnson	Joseph H. Chandler, *p.*	'83	'97	78	167	245	27	7	6	13	4	5	0	9	4	10
Park Rapids	'84	Mrs. Blanche Field				12	24	36	5	8	2	10	1	1	2	4	6	2
Payneaville	'66	L. M. Bennett	Charles H. Chapin, *p.*	'88	'97	33	39	72	20	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0
Pelican Rapids	'84	Mrs. H. N. Bruce	Edward P. Crane, *p.*	'64	'95	15	48	63	23	5	7	12	0	4	0	4	0	0
*Perham	'97	Mrs. W. H. Hanscom	[Albert E. Barnes, *Lic.*]		'97	3	13	16	2	16	0	16	0	0	0	0		
Pillsbury	'89	Charles G. Close				12	14	26	6	1	0	1	0	3	6	9	0	0
Plainview	'63	Mrs. G. A. Lyon	Frank J. Brown, *p.*	'93	'97	42	94	136	25	0	3	3	1	7	0	8	0	2
Preston Lake, Stewart	'71																	
Princeton	'56	J. J. Petterson	Charles D. Moore, *p.*	'92	'94	17	53	70	6	2	7	9	1	3	3	7	0	1
Randall	'94	C. C. Cochran				8	10	18	5									
Rochester	'58	J. W. Soule	Jesse F. Taintor, *p.*	'78	'86	49	116	165	21	6	7	13	3	7	0	10	5	13
Rose Creek	'72	Mrs. Kate Rounce	Carl J. Swain, *p.*	'91	'97	6	16	22	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Round Prairie	'92	J. McCarahan, LittleS'k	J. Frank Locke, *p.*	'75	'94	11	20	31	4	4	4	8	0	4	0	4	6	0
Rush City, Swedish	'52					36	37	73	0									
St. Charles	'59	Mrs. L. E. Brewer				28	53	81	5	0	0	0	0	6	0	6	0	0
St. Cloud	'64	J. F. Jerrard	Isaac B. Tracy, *p.*	'87	'97	39	74	113	39	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0
" Swedish	'92	John Erickson	John Rood, *p.*	'95	'92	30	27	57	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	16
St. Paul, Plymouth	'58	Dea. Fred C. Luff	George E. Soper, *p.*	'84	'98	121	208	329	130	1	2	3	2	30	0	32	1	4
" Pacific	'82	John W. Boxell	J. Alexander Jenkins, *p.*	'93	'96	70	115	185	20	19	19	38	2	5	0	7	3	10
" Atlantic	'83	Geo. D. Hammond	[W. W. Lewis, Presb.]		'96	34	58	92	5	3	20	23	0	13	0	13	1	5
" Park	'83	Albert M. Burch	Alexander McGregor, *p.*	'86	'98	114	217	331	36	10	24	34	1	8	22	32	2	13
" St. Anthony Park	'86	Henry L. Hunter	Edwin S. Pressey, *p. c.*	'88	'96	62	95	157	38	9	17	26	2	15	0	17	6	0

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Minneapolis, 1st Scandinav'n	Rev. C. B. Bjugg	44	35	21		0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	4	0	1467
" New Brighton	Frank M. Searles	135	115	50	30	19	0	3	7	15	5	0	15	64	0	500
" Oak Park	Charles Clay	175	125	80	33	5	0	5	5	7	3	0	5	30	0	700
" Forest Heights	P. R. Hamilton	200	110		90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1900
" Temple, Swedish	Louis Turnquist	70	55	40	39	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	
" 38th St.	L. H. Thompson	130	115													
Minneiska																
Montevideo	William Dunbrack	110	78	50	35	12	300	2	7	10	3	0	15	349	0	1300
Monticello	Dr. A. L. Hill	127	65	65	68	12	0	4	21	4	6	0	0	47	0	715
Moorhead	Rev. J. S. Rood	110	58	60	30	31	0	0	7	5	9	0	0	52	0	1158
Morris	Dea. J. J. Pimm	222	101	60	69	52	13	5	34	14	13	0	27	158	0	1372
Morristown	J. M. Rohne	50	40	50	40	8	0	6	0	0	0	0	2	16	0	650
*Mud Lake, Attica																
New Richland	Elmer E. Cram	65	41	55	17	28	1	8	22	2	6	0	0	67	0	615
New Ulm	Hillard G. Little	95	63	68	63	34	7	5	9	15	7	0	6	83	0	1001
*New York Mills	J. C. Winslow	58	40		14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
North Branch	E. G. Rogers	30	20	15	10	17	0	0	15	0	12	0	0	44	0	154
Northfield	H. C. Wilson	274	151	193	124	464	3721	66	346	219	125	15	150	5106	0	3179
Orrock, Union	Grace Craig	76	43	5		4	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	9	0	59
Ortonville	E. J. Miller	120	57	40	25	0	0	0	0	0	6	3	4	13	0	675
Owatonna	L. L. Wheelock	242	126	130	86	124	10	34	65	43	10	0	144	430	0	2863
Park Rapids	John Coleman	45	30	36	13	8	0	5	8	0	3	0	0	24	0	400
Payresville	D. S. Coleman	107	56	52	60	24	4	7	24	2	7	0	10	78	0	575
Pelican Rapids	Rev. E. P. Crane	125	85	63	21	0	0	100	27	0	4	2	10	143	0	590
*Perham	H. C. Ehrlick	54	43	30	30	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	150
Pillsbury	A. J. Gibson	22	30	20	39	5	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	9	0	181
Plainview	Mrs. William Brown	112	50	70	40	16	9	4	15	4	2	5	40	95	0	700
Preston Lake, Stewart	F. A. Washburn	26	18													
Princeton	O. J. McCarriel	120	80	75	40	24	4	2	10	2	2	0	12	56	0	1800
Randall	S. F. Vaughlin	62	50													
Rochester	W. J. Eaton	245	161	95	110	250	139	27	114	84	30	8	33	685	0	2050
Rose Creek	F. G. Ray	35	27	18	12	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	3	0	153
Round Prairie	J. McCarahan	40	30	12	37	5	0	2	2	0	0	0	8	17	0	108
Rush City, Swedish	C. A. Carlson	40	30													
St. Charles	Thomas P. Dixon	185	90	60	25	13	0	2	12	2	0	2	0	31	0	750
St. Cloud	T. R. Clark	80	58	35	30	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	8	0	1200
" Swedish	Nels Larson	166	100	14		0	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	7	0	
St. Paul, Plymouth	S. S. Crooks	276	205		48	62	147	10	269	15	13	0	460	976	0	2526
" Pacific	Miss Francis E. Nicoll	280	194	150	113	25	10	19	83	4	9	2	135	287	0	1870
" Atlantic	Charles B. Ninaber	97	85			20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	2278
" Park	Miss Carrie M. Saunders	243	157	200	75	204	29	23	105	80	24	0	173	638	0	7614
" St. Anthony Park	Edward C. Hall	193	140	92	91	70	17	25	69	13	12	14	84	304	0	1554

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St. Paul, Bethany	'87	Edward J. Souther	William W. Newell, *p*.	'94	'98	29	61	90	0	6	3	9	0	5	0	5	0	5
" Olivet, Merriam P'k	'88	S. J. Clark	H. Arthur Risser, *p*.	'87	'94	47	87	134	12	1	18	19	2	0	0	2	0	2
" South Park	'88	J. N. Irving	James W. Drew, *p*.	'63	'87	15	25	40	0	7	2	9	1	2	0	3	0	6
" Peoples	'88	L. A. Straight	Samuel G. Smith, *p*.	'74	'88	160	309	469	24	9	11	20	4	7	0	11	6	11
" University Avenue	'85	Rev. H. W. Parsons	Henry W. Parsons, *p*.	'72	'96	16	24	40	0	17	15	32	1	5	3	9	6	0
" Peoples, Hazel P'k	'95	R. F. Hiler	Tell A. Turner, *p*.	'80	'95	10	12	22	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
" Peoples, German	'95	G. A. Rinker	William Oehler, *p*.	'76	'90	23	27	50	0	1	0	1	0	0	12	12	0	12
Salem, Courtland	'55	David L. Harries	John E. Jones, *p*.	'71	'94	16	24	40	5	3	3	6	1	1	0	2	1	2
Sandstone, Swedish	'91	Aug. Walden	Andrew G. Nelson, *p*.	'76	'95	6	6	12	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Sauk Centre	'67	Dea. James A. Norris	G. Ernest Smith, *p*.	'78	'95	64	134	198	16	0	2	2	0	3	0	3	0	0
Sauk Rapids	'55	J. P. Carpenter	Hiram H. Appelman, *p*.	'95	'96	8	29	37	11	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
" Swedish	'88	See St. Cloud																
Selma	'91	F. D. Dewey	Guy H. Rice, *p*.	'96	'97	20	18	38	2	2	0	2	1	5	0	6	2	0
Sherburn	'79	W. L. Russell				29	37	66	4	0	6	6	1	7	0	8	0	0
Sleepy Eye	'73	Isaac Gallagher	William Blackwell, *p*.	'72	'91	31	67	98	16	5	4	9	2	6	1	9	1	1
South Bend	'95	Dea. W. W. Davis				16	10	26	0									
Spencerbrook	'92	A. Dunder	Alfred P. Engstrom, *p*.	'95	'91	23	29	52	0	4	0	4	0	0	3	3	0	4
Springfield	'76	Mrs. Mary P. Rowe	Guy H. Rice, *p*.	'96	'96	15	29	44	7	11	6	17	0	6	0	6	4	0
Spring Valley	'56	Dea. W. L. Kellog	Willis A. Warren, *p*.	'92	'97	77	185	262	44	6	3	9	4	4	0	8	2	4
Staples	'90	W. S. Gish	Delbert W. Cram, *p*.	'95	'95	11	45	56	8	13	4	17	1	0	9	10	9	5
*Star Lake	'93																	
Stewart	'87	Dea. E. Baumgarten	James W. Danford, *p*.	'85	'95	15	32	47	8	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stewartville	'80	Charles Tubbs	William Lodwick, *p*.	'95	'97	28	47	75	3	4	5	9	3	0	0	3	2	0
Stillwater	'83	Miss Mary Jenks	John H. Albert, *p*.	'83	'86	40	129	169	26	4	6	10	3	5	0	8	1	11
Sunrise	'89	Mrs. C. Spivak				2	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Swanville	'91	Mrs. A. Austin				3	9	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taopi	'90	—— Nukin	David Donaldson, *p*.	'94	'98	8	12	20	0									
Tintah	'91	Mrs. Hattie Nuckoils				6	11	17	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tyler	'75	A. J. Cox	Robert G. Jones, *p*.	'91	'98	6	16	22	5	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	0
Upsala, Swedish	'88	Gust. Nelson	Nels James Bolin, *p. c*.	'97	'97	52	46	98	0	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	12
Verndale	'80	C. E. Bullard	Reuben W. Harlow, *p*.	'61	'96	6	16	22	0									
Villard	'83	Daniel W. Shear	Edward N. Ruddock, *p*.	'58	'97	27	36	63	22	0	1	1	0	2	16	18	0	0
Wabasha	'57	Dr. C. H. Robinson	William H. Medlar, *p*.	'85	'89	44	124	168	30	10	5	15	0	2	0	2	8	12
Wadena	'80	John Liddell	John H. B. Smith, *p*.	'83	'96	36	91	127	24	5	0	5	0	4	4	8	1	0
Walker	'96	Mrs. John Bouck	Frank A. Bown, *p*.	'97	'97	3	5	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Walnut Grove	'74																	
Waseca	'68	F. W. Roth	Fernando B. Carter, *p*.	'85	'97	62	106	168	44	5	1	6	0	13	0	13	8	2
Waterville	'79	Mrs. Louise B. Kenrick	Calvin W. Duncan, *p*.	'94	'97	12	32	44	1	4	1	5	2	0	0	2	1	0
Wayzata	'81	Mrs. Amy Ray	Alice Ruth Palmer, *p*.	'96	'96	8	20	28	16									
Welch	'70	Archibald Black				10	12	22	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
West Dora, Lida	'87	Susan E. Armitage	[Sheldon Slater, *Lic*]		'97	10	18	28	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	1	1
West Union	'82	Mrs. E. L. Herbert				5	8	13	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.					Y. P. S. C. E. Mem. bers.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.										Home Ex.
Place.	The Superintendent.	Br.	Av.	Fam.		For'n	E'n	C'h Hg.	H'e M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	H. A.	Other.	TOTAL.	Leg.	
St. Paul, Bethany	Charles Crissey	130	85	95	92	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	32	0	1433
" Olivet, Merriam Park	F. J. Snell	145	88	80	56	141	28	6	100	28	21	3	22	349	0	1986
" South Park	C. W. Clark	127	67	25	71	20	0	22	18	3	6	0	5	74	0	307
" Peoples	A. F. Goodrich	475	380	400	65	0	0	600	400	0	0	0	800	1800	0	12500
" University Avenue	Howard Barkelos	100	70	50	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	0	805
" Peoples, Hazel Park	Rev. T. A. Turner	50	26	20	10	0	0	3	3	0	2	0	0	8	0	330
" Peoples, German	Aug. Luedeman	100	80	40		0	0	5	18	0	0	0	0	23	0	400
Salem, Courtland	David Pugh	55	35	25	30	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	310
Sandstone, Swedish	Aug. Walden	50	40	20		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	106	130
Sauk Centre	James A. Norris	150	85	135	89	102	5	10	60	55	3	5	150	390	0	1650
Sauk Rapids	J. P. Carpenter	45	40	70		0	0	7	12	0	0	0	0	19	0	400
" Swedish	T. C. Carpenter	85	40													
Selma	David Kennedy	62	52			0	0	0	8	0	0	0	10	18	0	100
Sherburn	W. H. Gaugh	70	50	35		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1125
Sleepy Bye	A. C. VanHagan	160	120	50	60	15	0	3	24	0	0	0	12	54	0	1252
South Bend																
Spencerbrook	Rev. A. P. Engstrom	40	30	30		12	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	18	0	100
Springfield	W. M. Blackman	65	50	30	25	12	0	7	5	0	5	0	4	33	0	875
Spring Valley	Eberett Jones	120	87	100	94	27	0	12	37	34	7	8	70	195	0	1700
Staples	Rev. D. W. Cram	70	50	60	70	9	0	3	11	1	0	0	0	24	0	809
*Star Lake																
Stewart	Frank Suden	60	45	20	50	2	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	8	0	220
Stewartville	B. Tuttle	60	41	40	50	0	0	3	7	0	0	0	0	10	0	600
Stillwater	Rev. J. H. Albert	228	170	105	97	10	3	40	5	3	2	0	27	90	0	
Sunrise	E. E. Chase	51	45	20		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105
Swanville	Prof. B. McIntyre	28	25			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Taopi																
Tintah	Mrs. Ida Putnam	30	17	20		0	0	0	6	0	4	0	0	10	0	
Tyler	A. J. Cox	55	40	15		0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	0	194
Upsala, Swedish	L. M. Larson	131	125													
Verndale	Mrs. C. E. Bullard	50	36			0	0	0	5	3	0	0	0	8	0	1740
Villard	Carrie J. Spooner	43	35	15	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Wabasha	M. Kennedy.	168	98	100	80	26	0	0	21	0	10	3	50	110	0	1400
Wadena	Eugene Boss	155	82	70	50	41	2	16	32	15	10	3	0	119	0	1760
Walker	Rev. F. A. Bown	45	20	24	17	0	0	1	3	0	5	0	0	9	0	475
Walnut Grove		26	16													
Waseca	O. D. Sawin	153	100			57	0	0	14	55	3	54	0	183	0	1500
Waterville	Mrs. H. P. Blair	75	50	25	36	12	0	5	10	0	5	0	6	38	0	338
Wayzata	G. Webb	52	30													
Welch	Richard Daley	40	25		15	0	0	2	0	5	0	0	0	7	0	90
West Dora, Lida	Alvin Gray	150	45	25	28	6	0	2	12	0	2	0	0	22	0	100
West Union						0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	10	0	

THE CHURCH.		THE CLERK.	THE MINISTER.			MEMBERS.				ADMISSIONS.			REMOVALS.				BAPS.	
Town or City.	Org	Name.	Name.	Ord	C'd	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	C.	L.	To.	Dh.	L.	De.	To.	Ad.	Inf.
Winona, 1st	'54	George J. Hillyer	Lester L. West, *p.*	'78	'89	104	266	370	63	11	11	22	5	15	34	54	2	4
" 2nd	'87	Dea. E. H. Thresher	Henry H. Stutson, *p.*	'97	'97	31	62	93	11	0	1	1	2	12	0	14	0	0
" Scandinavian	'95	Axel Bard	Hans P. Josephson, *p.*	'95	'97	17	25	42	1	4	2	6	0	3	2	5	0	3
Winthrop	'89	Miss Anna Campbell	Charles A. Ruddock, *p.*	'61	'95	24	29	53	10	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	8	8
Wiscoy, **Witoka**	'84	Mrs. R. B. Thomas				4	12	16	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Worthington	'70	Dea. Geo. O. Moore	Charles W. Merrill, *p.*	'73	'97	53	79	132	1	28	4	32	2	13	9	24	0	0
Zumbro Falls	'90	Miss Grace Disney	Charles W. Merrill, *p.*	'96	'95	10	23	33	0	7	0	7	1	0	0	1	6	1
Zumbrota	'57	John L. Williams	James Oakey, *p.*	'75	'93	47	97	144	16	1	6	7	0	4	0	4	1	0

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.					Y. P. S. C. E. Members.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.									Home Ex.
Place.	The Superintendent.	Mr.	Av.	Fam.		For'n	H'n	C'h Bg.	H'e M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	W. A.	Other.	TOTAL.	Leg
Winona, 1st	E. D. Dyar	440	280	200	65	643	1279	50	737	168	18	0	246	3141	0	4916
" 2nd	William Carce	150	75	50	40	19	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	42	0	350
" Scandinavian	Axel Bard	50	40	22	20	21	0	0	3	0	0	1	7	32	0	1400
Winthrop	D. Wagner	200	115	40	40	14	0	3	14	0	0	0	0	31	0	550
Wiscoy, **Witoka**		36	25			0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	35
Worthington	Mrs. H. J. Ludlow	140	103	100	50	64	27	16	89	15	14	0	10	235	0	1200
Zumbro Falls	George Rynck	60	45	45	25	0	0	3	24	0	5	0	7	39	0	260
Zumbrota	Lewis Scofield	164	113	48	64	38	7	9	41	12	15	7	0	129	0	1100

GENERAL SUMMARY.

CHANGES from last *Year-Book's* list of Churches: *Added.*—Belview; Chokio; Cornish; Elmdale; Hibbing; Lida Lake. Temple and 38th Street Minneapolis; Perham, Bertha restored. *Omitted*—Boyd. *Name Changed*—Merritt to Biwabik, Milton Street to University Avenue.

CHURCHES: 13 with pastors installed by council; 142 with pastors otherwise inducted; 0 with supplies; 48 vacant (including 14 supplied by licentiates or ministers of other denominations.) Total, 217.

MINISTERS: 13 pastors installed by council; 112 pastors otherwise inducted; 68 others; Total, 193.

CHURCH MEMBERS: 6356 males; 11874 females. Total, 18230 including 2623 absent. Gain, 611.

ADDITIONS: 958 by confession; 756 by letter. Total, 1714.

REMOVALS: 177 by death; 556 by dismissal; 317 by discipline. Total, 1050.

BAPTISMS: 272 adult; 382 infant.

IN SABBATH SCHOOLS: Members, 23624; gain, 643; average, 15427.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES: 134; 6857 members.

FAMILIES: 169 churches reporting (152 last year), 11559 gain.

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS: 187 churches reporting (172 last year), Foreign, $6,540; Education, $7,773; Church Building, $2,203; Home, $6,837; A. M. A., $2,198; Sunday School, $1,076; Ministerial Aid, $282; Other, $7,808; Total, $34,717; Decrease, $6,684.

BENEVOLENT LEGACIES: $106.

HOME EXPENDITURES: 175 churches reporting (152 last year), $204,798.

ORGANIZATION.—Nine Conferences; Anoka, Central, Duluth, Mankato, Minnesota Valley, Northern Pacific, Owatonna, Western, Winona, within the General Congregational Association of Minnesota.

Statistics of the Congregational Sunday Schools of Minnesota,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1897.

Furnished by the STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

LOCATION OF SCHOOL	NAME OF SUPERINTENDENT.	ENROLLMENT.						Total Benevolence.	Self-Support.
		Officers & Teachers.	Scholars.	Total.	Average.	Per Cent Attend Church.	United with Church.		
Ada	C. R. Andrews	6	70	76	48	25	1	12.81	31.14
Afton		6	25	31	20				
Aitkin	A. L. Hamilton	8	65	73	50	25	2		
" Deerwood P. O.	Rev. F. J. Brown	4	25	29	20	50			
" Pine Knoll	W. W. Welton			38	27				
" Sutton's Ranch	Nelson Hurd			25	16				
" Tripp P. O.	Mrs. A. Polley			20	15				
Aldrich				35	28				
Alexandria	James E. Phillips	21	210	231	143	50	2		
" Carlos	A. W. Wheeler			50	37				
" Garfield P. O.	Mr. Winkjer			60	47				
" Lake May	Miss Minnie Jones			35	20				
" Union Lake	Mr. F. C. Mead			40	30				
Anoka	Mrs. L. S. Gould	14	125	139	88	50			
Appleton	Mrs. L. B. Tadsen	11	65	96	51	33	1		
" Redfield, Correll P. O.	Mr. R. Dexter			40	33				
Arcola, Marine P. O.				47	35				
Ash Creek	Frank Everett	7	38	45	13	100			
Audubon	H. A. Ames			48	25				
" Mois S. H.	W. H. Mois			30	20				
" Ullin P. O.	Harry Griffin			40	30				
Austin	A. N. Decker	30	160	190	155	68	3	43.91	175.00
Barnesville	W. L. Harrison	13	150	163	100	20	1	9.41	48.01
" Prairie Bell	Mrs. Hayes			55	35				
Belgrade, Mankato P. O.	Mrs. L. J. Betts	14	60	74	55	100		9.55	22.68
" Smith Mills P. O.	M. A. Johnson			28	25				
Beltrami, Edna P. O.	J. B. Welter			40	30				
Belview	Rev. G. E. Northrup			35	25				
Benson	Mrs. E. Berg	10	100	110	65	10			
Bethany, Sherburn P. O.	Mr. Sinai Detienne	10	32	42	30				
Big Lake	J. M. Hahen	17	98	115	76	50			
" Hanson	Mr. P. P. Ferguson	14	60	74	48				
" Baileys Station	C. H. Eddy	9	40	40	30				
Biwabik	C. B. Wilcox	18	152	170	46	33		6.53	26.77
" Mesba	Mrs. D. B. Clarke			25	16				
" McKinley	Chas. Johnson			18	10				
Brainerd, First	P. A. White	19	160	179	102		4		100.00
" Second	A. W. Wilson	10	75	85	50	50			
" Mud Lake	Rev. M. B. Bird	8	40	48	40				
Brownton	Alfred Jury	18	56	74	60	50			
" Sumpter Union	Mr. Crandall	7	25	32	20				
Burtrum	Rev. W. E. Griffith	13	60	73	50	33		2.10	18.82
" Birch Lake P. O.	Mrs. E. N. Ruddock			25	15				
Cable, St. Cloud P. O.	Samuel Biggerstaff	7	30	37	22				
Campbell	H. S. Hogoboom	9	60	69	40	75			
Cannon City, Dean P. O.	Caleb G. Pye	7	18	25	23	90			
Cannon Falls	Geo. T. Valentine	13	70	83	65	50		40.00	51.00
Cauldrum				43	36				
Center City, Swedish	Mrs. Bylin	6	34	40	30				
" Rock Creek P. O.	E. W. Lund			30	20				
Claremont	Fred Perry	9	55	64	45				
Clarissa	Mrs. W. D. Glenn			45	35				
Clearwater	W. B. Pineo	7	63	70	40	20			25.00
Correll	M. E. Richardson			45	36				
Cottage Grove	John W. Howard	11	30	41	30				
Crookston	Evelyn L. Hall	10	95	105	65	60	3	4.14	41.44
Custer, Tracy P. O.	Miss Mattie Hughes	9	46	55	36	100			
Dawson	Eugene M. Phillips	9	86	95	63				
" Maxwell S. H.	Mrs. Sarah Sumner			40	30				
Detroit	E. M. Hume	13	113	126	63			2.86	42.00

LOCATION OF SCHOOL.	NAME OF SUPERINTENDENT.	ENROLLMENT.				Per Cent Attend Church.	United with Church.	Total Benevolences.	Self-Support.
		Officers & Teachers.	Scholars.	Total.	Average.				
Dexter	Rev. C. W. Duncan	10	85	95	40	66	2		
Dodge Center	Mrs. P. S. Allen	8	60	68	45	50	4		
Douglass, Meisville P. O.	Chas. C. Carver	10	30	40	25				
Duluth, Pilgrim	T. H. Hawkes, Jr.	34	219	263	219	33	14	59.40	217.40
" Morley	C. A. Gregory	16	105	121	98	25			96.11
" Plymouth	R. W. Mars	9	72	81	57	20			
" New Duluth P. O.	Fred McGill	6	44	50	31				
" Swedish					55				
" Smithville					25				
" E. 23rd Avenue					22				
Eagle Lake, Swedish		5	20	25	20				
Edgerton	Rev. P. H. Fisk	11	120	131	75	50	15	9.50	36.00
Elim		7	28	35	27				
Elk River	W. H. Houlton	15	150	165	100	13			
" Meadowvale	M. H. Bailey	3	25	28	18				
" Lavonia	Mrs T. H. Thacher	2	12	14	10				
Ellsworth	A. E. Huntington	9	40	49	25	33	2	5.80	20.00
" Bridge S. S.	W. J. Conard			35	25				
" Grand Prairie	Chas. A. Barnes			25	20	20	1		
Erickson					27				
Erskine					48				
Excelsior	James D. Wyer	13	125	137	90	30	9		
" Branch	Rev. C. L. Mears			25	18				
Fair Oaks, Anoka P. O.	Horace Boxwell	9	25	34	25	100	3		16.00
" Branch					18				
Fairmont	W. G. Brown	18	179	187	109	50		12.11	57.00
" Hall S. H.		8	40	48	34				
Faribault	R. A. Mott	35	310	345	230	25			
Fergus Falls	P. Winsor	16	140	156	87	20	3		84.36
" Oswald	Chas. Adams	8	22	30	20				
Fertile	J. S. LaDue	8	63	71	42	50			
" Twin Valley									
Fosston	Mrs. M. E. Clough	7	63	70	40	50			
" Hansville				30	20				
Fox Dist					21				
Frazer, Fairmont P. O.	Mrs. A. F. French	7	25	32	22				
Franconia, Swedish	Gus. Hammerberg	5	17	22	15				
Freeborn	Allen D. Scoville	13	67	80	42	86	6		
" Byron	Rev. W. Fisk			35	25				
" Cream P. O.	A. T. Gary	10	40	50	36	100			
Garrison		7	25	32	22				
Garvin	Mrs. Annie Jones	8	36	44	30	98	3	4.71	18.29
Georgetown		10	40	50	35				
" Middleton		7	20	27	18				
Glencoe	C. M. DeLeenn	27	155	182	130	40	7	4.50	76.25
Glenwood	Carl A. Fjelstad	10	95	105	85	33		15.00	56.00
Glyndon	A. A. Mumford	12	90	102	70	50			
" Felton P. O.		7	18	25	20				
" Burdick S. H.	Mrs. Pelton	4	13	17	12				
" Stockwood	Jno. H. Reid	8	22	30	20				
" Muskoda	A. A. Mumford			30	20				
Graceville	Glen R. Howard	10			38	10	1	8.40	22.71
" Chokio	Mrs. B. Ackerman	7	41	48	34	50		5.23	
" Olivet	H. J. Mitchell	7	50	57	30	100		1.40	9.41
Grand Meadow	C. B. Sheldon	14	68	82	51	25			
" Elkton P. O.	Mrs. Chas. Fairbanks			30	20				
Granada	Mrs. Laura A. Moore	1	15	16	8			3.03	3.45
" Branch	Mrs. Laura A. Moore			20	14				
Granite Falls	Frank Dillingham	6	35	41	25				
" " Watson P. O.	Mrs. M. A. Yoeman			30	20				
Green Prairie	Rev. F. A. Sumner	7	23	30	20				
Gray Eagle	Mrs. Edwin Ruddock	9	30	39	20				
Goshen, Courtland P. O.		8	23	31	20				
Groveland, Chowen P. O.	Ida C. Waters	8	52	60	45	75			
Halstead					22				
Hamilton	Chas. H. Steffens	12	60	72	48				
Hancock	Mrs. A. L. Beggs	9	70	79	60	50		7.87	20.00
Hartland	Mrs. Everett Cram	8	40	48	35				

LOCATION OF SCHOOL.	NAME OF SUPERINTENDENT.	ENROLLMENT.				Per Cent Attend Church.	United with Church.	Total Benevolence.	Self-Support.
		Officers & Teachers.	Scholars.	Total.	Average.				
Hasty	E. D. Sheldon	11	45	56	40				
" McClelland	E. D. Sheldon	8	22	30	20				
Hawley	Ed. O. Hale	13	62	75	54	50			
" Henderson									
" Silver Lake	Mrs. E. A. Woods			30	20				
Hibbing	W. H. Moore	3	21	24	18				
" Mahoning	Anna Mitchell			23	19				
Holdings Ford	John Sabol				16				
Hudson, Villard P. O.	Mrs. L. I. McGrary	7	30	37	24	100			
Hutchinson	C. K. Goodnow	16	150	166	105	20	8		
Kanaranzi	W. Martin	7	40	47	27	50	3		
" Garden, Luverne P. O	W. Martin			40	27				
Kasota, Swedish	John Bergquist	4	30	34	30	66			
Kimball	Rev. John Rood	5	20	25	16				
Kimberly					27				
Kraguess	Mrs. E. I. Parker	9	37	46	29				
" Riverside	Miss Minnie Vinton			18	12				
Lake Benton	A. Warren	10	45	55	37	50			
Lake City	Mrs. J. T. Wallis	22	143	165	125	71	26		
" Swedish	Rev. Emil Anderson	5	48	53	40	33			39.40
Lake Belt	P. D. Worthly	8	55	63	50	100		12.00	20.19
Lake Emily, Hancock P. O.	P. B. Councilman	9	20	29	18	100			
Lake Lide, Scandinavian					15				
Lake Park	Frank M. Higby	11	85	96	60	33			37.60
Lake Stay	Mrs. Willis Woodard	8	30	38	23	100			
" Branch	M. Foulds	7	18	25	14				
Lake View, Detroit P. O.	Mrs. John West	8	18	26	18				
Lakeland	Iva Davis	10	50	60	40	25		2.25	27.18
" So. Stillwater P. O.	Mr. Bayne	9	52	61	40	75			
" Branch	A. A. Davis			15	10				
Lamberton		11	43	54	35				
Little Falls	F. A. Sumner	11	100	111	65	50			40.00
" Bell Prairie	O. C. Cox			28	17				
*Lyle	O. C. Strock	13	60	73	40	25			30.00
McIntosh	C. F. Page	7	40	47	30				
McPherson, St. Clair P. O.	J. W. Smith	7	24	31	18	50			
Madison	C. W. Wagner	16	110	126	92				
Manchester, Buckeye P. O.	E. W. Hall	8	24	32	20				
Mankato, First	Thomas Hughes	18	186	204	108				
" Swedish	Edward Noedgren	10	60	70	50	25			39.00
" West	W. W. P. McConnell	7	33	40	30				
Mantorville	H. A. Smith	17	120	137	59	50			
Maple Bay	Miss May Horton	8	20	28	15				
Maple Ridge	Rev. P. Rodberg	7	30	37	26				
Mapleton	Mrs. R. L. Potter	10	125	135	70	66	19		
Marine Mills					20				
Marietta	Mrs. J. B. Smith	6	20	26	15	33			
" Smith S. H.	Mrs. J. B. Smith			25	14				
Marshall	W. S. Sittle	13	130	143	130			9.00	59.14
Mazeppa	Geo. Black	10	96	106	51	20			
" Branch	Geo. Black	8	28	36	27				
" Bear Valley	Eugene Day			35	25				
" Forest Mills P. O.	Nels Olson			40	30				
Medford	J. F. McKinley	10	80	90	60	66	1	6.50	48.72
Mentor	A. D. Tice	7	52	59	20	100			
Minneapolis, First	H. A. Schriver	50	455	505	268	50		145.86	2.00
" Bethesda	T. H. Colwell			190	120				
" Plymouth	Harrington Beard	33	437	470	269				
" Bethel	W. F. Black	30	290	320	275			40.00	40.00
" Immanuel	Edward N. Waite	25	225	250	175	33		62.00	21.34
" Lockhart					20				
" Park Avenue	Prof. C. L. Sawyer	56	578	634	338				
" Vine	E. M. Newcomb	29	250	289	198	33	2	8.35	102.81
" Pilgrim	L. E. Jepson	35	564	609	354		5		300.31
" Open Door	E. A. Cadwell	30	196	226	121	25		12.69	85.33
" Union, St. Louis P'k	Prof. L. M. Abbott	11	108	119	72	75			
" Union, Edina Mills	Miss Yancy			45	32				
" Lyndale	D. E. Shipman	44	430	474	332	33	7		184.00

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Min'plis, Lyndale, S. Ly'le Br.	B. J. Kelsey	18	85	103	82	12		10.00	175.00
" Fremont Avenue	G. P. Duryea	26	225	251	220	33			162.28
" Como Avenue	Mrs. F. N. Leavens	21	180	201	121		13		
" C'oAve. MpleHillBr									
" Fifth Avenue	E. P. Leland	25	183	208	165	25	3	48.98	136.83
" Mayflower	A. B. Shaw			100	70				
" New Brighton	F. M. Shearer	10	70	80	60	33	3	13.33	40.00
" " Irondale					18				
" Forest Heights	P. R. Hamilton	18	200	218	110	50	4		50.00
" Mizpah, Hopkins					45				
" Bethany	A. E. Shaw	20	205	225	150	10	3	8.50	80.50
" Robbinsdale P. O	Chas. E. Wingate	16	124	140	84	20		6.60	75.00
" Lowry Hill	E. C. Mills	27	291	318	290	20		103.19	93.51
" Oak Park	Chas. Clay	15	175	190	130	10	2	30.00	60.00
" " Golden V'ley	P. L. Moore			20	15				
" First Scandinavian	Rev. C. B. Bjuge	6	48	54	45	50			33.00
" Sw'shCong. Temple					55				
" " " " Br.					50				
" Thirty-eighth St	L. H. Thompson				115				
Mission Creek	P. H. Nyberg	5	13	18	12				
Montevideo	Wm. Dunbark	12	107	119	90	33	4	25.00	60.00
Monticello P. O	M. J. Kingsbury	14	65	79	55	75			
Morris	Dea. John J. Quinn	10	160	170	83	33	1	6.73	110.64
" Branch	Oscar Astockson			50	22				
Morristown	J. P. Temple	12	92	104	75				
Moorhead	T. I. Lewis	8	105	113	58	20			
Mora, Swedish		4	15	19	12				
*New Richland	B. B. Cram	13	68	81	40	33			35.40
" Branch	Rev. F. H. Oehler			35	25				
" Otisco P. O	G. W. Chapman			45	35				
New Ulm	W. G. Little	11	75	86	63	25		7.47	78.49
New York Mills	J. C. Winslow	8	50	58	40	25			
" " Bain	A. M Dutton			26	20				
" " Button					18				
" " Bluffton					20				
" " West Bluffton					20				
" " Davies S. H					27				
" " Dutton S. H					20				
Nickerson				30	20				
Nielsville					22				
*New Paynesville	D. S. Coleman	17	90	107	56	50		15.71	48.00
" Lester S. H					20				
North Branch	Dea. E. G. Rogers	10	60	70	40	25			
" S'h, Harris P. O	Ole Olson	6	25	31	20				
" Pierce S. H				25	18				
" Hawkinson	Chas. Oberg			35	25				
Northfield, First	Dr. H. C. Wilson	25	350	375	263				
" Greenvale	H. J. Baldwin	7	40	47	24	33			
" Waterford		11	40	51	31				
" West Side		10	40	50	30				
" McLane		7	40	47	18				
" Stone S. H	Mr. Stewart			35	25				
Ortonville	E. J. Miller	12	100	112	57	40	5		
" Odessa P. O	Rev. G. S. Shaw			45	35				
Orrock	Miss Grace Craig	12	60	72	41	75	2	9.76	18 40
Owatonna	Samuel S. Thompson	20	227	247	107	50			
" Lamond	L. B. Gould	9	40	49	35				
" Bohemian				25	25				
" Steel Center	Prof. C. J. Whitman	7	25	32					
Parker, Huff P. O	Chas. Eastman	9	40	49	35				
" Baker S. H	O. W. Randall	3	24	27	12				
Park Rapids	Bnos M. Ricker	9	50	59	50				
Pelican Rapids	John Lockhart	9	100	109	75	33			
" Sand Lake	Mrs. Orville Buck			25	20				
Perham					48				
Pillsbury	A. G. Gipson	8	23	31	25	66	1	2.73	18.00
" Dist. 94				25	18				
" Lake Beauty	Jno. W. Scott	7	42	49	40				

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Pillsbury, Bears Head	J. W. Pugh	7	40	47	35				
Plainview	F. D. Washburn	14	100	114	67	50	3		
Preston Lake, Stewart P.O.	J. A. Washburn	6	20	26	18				
Princeton	F. L. Ludden	10	125	135	90	50	6		
" Branch.					30	20			
Randall	S. P. Vaughn	9	53	62	50				
" Cushing					30	20			
Rice Lake	J. T. Elwell	6	30	36	13				
Rendsville, Morris P. O.		7	22	29	21				
Rochester	W. J. Eaton	27	218	245	161			42.31	89.33
Rolette					20				
Rose Creek	D. McTavish	11	42	53	30				
Rothsay					20				
Round Prairie	James McCarahan	8	40	48	30	100	8	13.36	9.55
" Beadle	J. Debord				33	20			
" Gutches	Gust. Peterson				35	25			
" Hughes	R. Ruggles				45	30			
Rush City, Swedish	C. A. Carlson				40	30			
" " Branch						12			
" American Branch						25			
St. Charles	Mark Campbell	18	145	163	93				
" Saratoga	Mrs. Bell Murray	10	40	50	36				
St. Cloud, First	Geo. Clark	12	70	82	54				
" Swedish	W. F. Larson				45	35			
" Clear Lake P. O.	J. F. Hendrickson				28	20			
" Quarries	Andrew Rudin				20	15			
St. Paul, Plymouth	S. S. Crooks	25	140	165	90			6.00	110.26
" Plymouth Immanuel	T. V. Jefferson				35	25			
" " Cyril	H. E. Clark	10	97	107	72				60.64
" Pacific	W. R. Nicholl	3	53	58	48				19.95
" " Brainerd Ave	W. R. Nicholl				80	48			
" Atlantic	Chas. B. Neinaber.	12	85	97	85	10		3.35	97.85
" " Forest St	T. P. Shufelton			190	160				
" Park	Miss Carrie Saunders.	24	219	243	157	70	8	15.00	145.00
" Bethany	Chas. Crissey	13	130	143	100	10	4	6.37	66.47
" St. Anthony	Mrs. C. C. Hall	19	135	154	100	50	8	21.99	56.24
" " Des Noyer Park	Miss Mary Cheney	4	59	63	38				9.28
" Olivet, Merriam Park	F. J. Snell	20	145	165	88	15		40.69	74.87
" " Tatum Ch'p'l	Henry W. Snell	10	125	135	73			2.92	37.99
" South Park	Chas. W. Clark	11	89	100	53	63			
" Peoples		27	502	529	204	25	10		
" " Gladstone	Miss Nellie Hanson	7	60	67	45	yes			15.00
" University Avenue	Frederick J. Pike			125	100				
" Peoples, German	August Luedeman	12	100	112	76	20		5.38	53.00
" Hazel Park	W. W. Selleck	7	30	37	30	75			
Sandstone, Swedish		7	45	52	40				
" Sturgeon Lake P.O.	Amy Bylin			25	18				
Sauk Centre	Jas. A. Morris	15	150	165	80	10		8.70	35.00
Sauk Rapids	Nels Larsen	20	146	166	127	25			94.67
" Swedish	J. Carpenter	10	75	85	40	33			
" S'h, Bridgman P.O.					30	20			
" Watab	L. L. Haggquist	5	18	23	15				
Selma, Union	D. Kennedy	10	65	75	35	100	2		25.50
Sherburn	Mrs. E. E. Walker	9	73	82	50	50			
" Hope, Jackson P.O.		6	25	31	20				
" Bethlehem P. O.	Miss Barbara Cizek			25	18				
Sleepy Eye	E. B. Shoemaker	18	145	163	110				
Snake River, Swedish	Rev. A. G. Nelson	5	20	25	16				
Spencerbrook, Swedish	A. P. Greystrain	3	25	28	10	100		4.00	4.00
" Athens	A. Nasins				18				
Springfield	Wm. H. Thompson	11	70	81	45				
" Sandborn P.O.		7	40	47	37				
Spring Valley	Everett Jones	18	150	168	100	50			105.84
" Branch				30	20				
Staples	G. W. Speelman	7	70	77	52				
" Lincoln P. O.				36	27				
" Pine River P. O.	Miss Edna Slack			30	20				
Sterling	Geo. Conard				20				

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Stewart Union	Frank Suden	7	40	47	35				
Stewartville	Wm. Lodwick	9	60	70	45	25	2		26.54
Stillwater	John H. Albert	20	240	260	175	50	2		125.00
Swanville	E. M. McIntyre	6	45	51	30	100			
Sunrise, Union				45	35				
Taopi	Mrs. M. H. Miller	8	40	48	40	50			
Tintah	Mrs. W. B. Prescott	7	30	37	25				
Tyler	G. L. Larsen	7	26	33	24				
Ulen				30	20				
Upsala, Swedish	L. M. Larsen	13	90	103	80			5.00	14.00
" Palm, Swedish				25	15				
" S'h. Flensburg P. O.	Miss Tillie Jackson			34	22				
Verndal	Mrs. C. E. Bullard			50	36				
" Thomaston P. O.				25	20				
Villard	E. N. Ruddock	11	54	65	35	90			
Wabasha	Mr. Kennedy	12	156	168	98	30	4	26.25	80.00
Wadena	Mrs. Eugene Boss	11	135	146	82		3	22.00	85.00
" Beautiful Valley	Rev. J. H. B. Smith			40	30				
" Lake Sybil, Luca P.O.	Miss Myrtle Simmons			35	25				
Walker	Frank A. Bowen	4	40	44	30			5.00	15.00
Walnut Grove		6	20	26	16	50			
Waseca	O. D. Sawin	19	134	153	100	33		2.84	94.92
Waterville	H. P. Blair	9	79	88	50		4		58.31
Wayzata	G. Webb	4	48	52	30	33	1		
Wealthwood	Mrs. G. H. Ball	5	12	17	12				
Westbrook, Swedish	Ida Beckman	5	17	22	15				
West Dorah, Lida P. O.	Alvin Gray	9	56	65	45	99		2.30	13.80
" " Bessie P. O.	Mrs. Brown			35	22				
" " Frazer City P.O	Will Wend			48	35				
" " Greshman P. O	Alice Blossom			20	12				
" " Luce P. O.	W. S. Parks	7	30	37	15	100			4.99
" " Rose Lake	Will Slater			20	16				
" " South Lida	Jas. S. Ranger			35	23				
" " Star Lake	Cr. Sheldon Slater	5	18	23	15				
Winona, 1st	E. D. Dyar	38	241	279	186				123.00
" " Lakeside Br.	Rev. L. L. West			155	125				
" 2nd	W. W. Bartlett	15	116	131	80	50			
" Scandinavian	O. C. Locken	7	45	52	40	25			87.00
Winthrop	Mr. D. E. Wagner	4	100	104	87	25		7.00	47.63
" Arlington P. O.		10	52	62	45				
" Gaylord P. O.	Miss Carrie Budds	10	42	52	35				
" Gibbon P. O.	Wm. Schoenfelder	11	50	61	40				
" Hegsburg	Ambrose Gaylord			30	20				
Wyonette, Swedish	August Johnson	6	30	36	25				
Wiscoy		10	26	36	25				
Wolverton				32	20				
Worthington	Mrs. H. J. Ludlow	16	124	140	107	50		43.37	123.65
" Branch	F. N. Cone			30	20				
Zumbrota	Lewis Scofield	24	161	185	113	50		29.01	69.28
Zumbro Falls	Phoebe A Daley	8	45	53	35	50			

Summary of Reports of Congregational Sunday Schools of Minnesota,

FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1897.

Number of officers and teachers, 2,911; scholars, 22,168; total membership—officers, teachers, scholars and Home Department, 25,079. Home Departments, 6; number of members, 102. Observed Children's Day—76 churches reporting. United with the church, 266. Volumes in Sunday school library, 8,097. Benevolences—A. B. F. M., $182; C. E. S., $45; C. C. B. S., $28; C. H. M. S., $180; A. M. A., $72; C. S. S. P. S., $365; other benevolent objects, $501; total benevolences, $1,373. Self-support, $5,883. Total money raised by school, $7,256.

MINISTERIAL RECORD.

NOTE.—Names starred (*) indicate that they are Congregational Ministers but do not hold membership in Minnesota.

If any name has been omitted that should appear here report the same to the State Secretary, Rev. S. W. Dickinson, St. Paul.

Ahnstrom, Jonas M.....Minneapolis.
Albert, John H.....Stillwater.
Anderson, Emil A.....Lake City.
Appelman, Hiram H.....Sauk Rapids.
Arnett, Samuel G.....Cal.

Battey, Richard H.....Minneapolis.
Beach, David N., D. D.....Minneapolis.
Betts, Eben M.....Minneapolis.
Bird, Martin B.....Brainerd.
Biscoe, George S.....Cottage Grove.
*Bjorklund, Ernest V.....Mankato.
*Bjuge, Carl B.....Minneapolis.
Black, George D.....Minneapolis.
Blackwell, William.....Sleepy Eye.
Bolin, Nels J.....Upsala.
Bown, Frank A.....Walker.
Bradshaw, John W., D. D.....Ann Arbor, Mich.
Brown, Frank J.....Plainview.
Brown, Richard.....Minneapolis.
Brown, William J.....Glenwood.
Brownjohn, George W.....Detroit City.
Brush, Samuel R.....Glenwood, Iowa

Cable, George A.....
Carter, Elijah.....Edgerton.
*Carter, Fernando E.....Waseca.
Chandler, Joseph H.....Owatonna.
*Chapin, Charles H.....Paynesville.
Chaney, Lucian W.....Northfield.
Chase, Ezra B.....Lake City.
Chase, Henry L.....Minneapolis.
Chevis, Ernest C.....Lake Park.
Colwell, Henry J.....Minneapolis.
Conard, William J.....Ellsworth.
Cotton, Harry A.....Dodge Center.
Cram, Delbert W.....Staples.
Crane, Edward P.....Pelican Rapids.
Cross, Roland S.....Monticello.

Danford, James W.....Brownton.
*Davis, Albert A.....Lakeland.
*Davis, David D.....St. Louis Park.
Derome, Jules A.....Mapleton.
Dibble, William L.....Gutherie, Okl.
Dickerman, Josiah P.....Fairmont.
Dickinson, Samuel W.....St. Paul.
*Donaldson, David.....Dexter.
Donovan, David.....Madison.
Drew, James B.....St. Paul.
Duncan, Calvin W.....Waterville.

Earl, James.....Granite Falls.
Edmands, T. Merrill.....Mankato.
Emerson, Frederick C.....Glen Ullin, N. D.
*Engstrom, Alfred P.....Spencerbrook

Fellows, Charles B.....Minneapolis.
Fisher, Herman P.....Crookston.
Fisher, Samuel V. S.....Minneapolis.
Fisk, Pliny H.....Edgerton.
Fisk, Wilbur.....Freeborn.
Frost, Lewis V.....Davison, Mich.
Fuller, Americus.....Aintab, Turkey.

Gale, Edmund.....St. Paul.
Gallagher, George W.....Brainerd.
Gill, William.....River Falls, Wis.
Gleason, Herbert W.....Minneapolis.
Gray, William J.....Austin.
Griffiths, William B.....Burtrum.

MINISTERIAL RECORD.

*Hadden, Robert A.....Minneapolis.
Hall, Richard.....St. Paul.
Hardcastle, William.....Minneapolis.
Harlow, Reuben W.....Verndale.
Harmon, Peter M.....Spring Valley.
Harris, Charles B. Jr.....Provincetown, Mass.
Hart, Hastings H.....Chicago, Ill.
Harwood, Clement M. G.....Fergus Falls.
Herrick, Robert P.....Minneapolis
Huntington, George.....Northfield.
Huntington, John C.....Minneapolis.

Ingersoll, Edward P., D. D.....Brooklyn, N. Y.
Ingham, J. Edward.....Mazeppa.
Iorns, Benjamin.....Fertile.

Jenkins, J. Alexander.....St. Paul.
Jenkins, William M.....Northfield.
Johnson, Harry H.....New Ulm.
*Jones, John E.....Lake Crystal.
Jones, J. Lewis.....Clearwater.
Jones, Robert G.....Lake Benton.
*Josephson, Hans F.....Winona.

Keller, Lewis H.....Minneapolis.
Kimball, Jeremiah.....Duluth.

Latham, Ernest R.....
Lewis, T. Henry.....Barnesville.
Locke, J. Frank.....Long Prairie.
Lodwick, William.....Stewartville.
Loring, Levi.....Anoka.
Lyon, Asa P.....New York, N. Y.
Lyons, Eli C.....Appleton.

McConnell, James B.....Northfield.
McGregor, Alexander.....St. Paul.
McLaughlin, James.....
McPherson, James.....
Magnus, Prof. Daniel.....Northfield.
Martin, John L.....Wimbleton, N. D.
Mather, J. Bruce.....Minneapolis.
Mears, Charles L.....Excelsior.
Medlar, William H.....Wabasha.
*Meske, Fred L.....Ortonville.
Merrill, Charles W.....Worthington.
Merrill, George R., D. D.....Minneapolis.
*Michael, George.....Detroit City.
Millard, Watson B.....St. Paul.
Mullenix, Hannah M.....Indiana.
*Minnis, Thomas W.....Grand Meadow.
Moody, Calvin B.....Minneapolis.
Moore, Charles D.....Princeton.
Morgan, David W.....Mason, N. H.
Morley, John H.....Minneapolis.
Morrison, George M.....Marshall.
Morton, George F.....Alexandria.

Nelson, Andrew G.....Center City.
Newell, William W.....St. Paul.
Nott, Jairus L.....Benson.
Nutting, George B.....Pelham, N. Y.

Oakey, James.....Zumbrota.
Oehler, Frederick H.....New Richland.
Oehler, William.....St. Paul.
Okerstein, William.....Minneapolis.
Palmer, Alice Ruth.....Wayzata.
Page, Charles E.....Buffalo, N. Y.
Parsons, Henry W.....St. Paul.
Patton, Cornelius H.....Duluth.
Paul, Benjamin F.....
Paxton, Robert F.....Correctionville, Ia.
Pearson, Alfred H.....Northfield.
Pike, Alphens J.....Sauk Centre.
Powell, Everett A.....
Powell, William.....Beaver Creek, Ore.
Pressey, Edwin S.....St. Anthony Park, St. Paul.
*Princell, John G.....Franconia.

Rice, Guy H.....Springfield.
Ricker, George S.....Faribault.

Risser, H. Arthur..... Merriam Park, St. Paul.
Roe, Alvah D..... Minneapolis.
Rogers, Enoch E.. ..... Lamberton.
Rogers, Samuel J..... Robbinsdale.
*Rood, John... . ..... St. Cloud.
Rood, John S..... Moorhead.
Routliffe, Charles H..... Glencoe.
Rowell, John A..... ..... Pine River, Wis.
Ruddock, Charles A..... Winthrop.
Ruddock, Edward N..... Villard.

Searles, George R..... ..... Hancock.
Shaw, George W..... Mass.
Simpson, Samuel..... .....
Smith, Daniel E..... .....
Smith, Esther..... ..... Wadena.
Smith, G. Ernest..... .... Sauk Center.
Smith, James E..... Minneapolis.
Smith, John H. B..... Wadena.
Smith, Nathaniel..... ..... Lake City.
Smith, Oscar M..... ..... Hawley.
Smith, Samuel G., D. D..... St. Paul.
Smith, Zwingle H..... ..... . Hutchinson.
Soper, George E..... .... Minneapolis.
Starr, Otis A..... .... Montevideo.
Stemen, John A..... .... Minneapolis.
Stevens, Moody A..... ..... Minneapolis.
*Stewart, William R..... ..... Medford.
Strong, Pres. James W., D. D..... ..... Northfield.
*Stutson, Henry H..... ..... Winona.
Sumner, Frederick A..... ..... Little Falls.
Swain, Carl J..... ..... Lyle.

Taintor, Jesse F..... .... Rochester.
Tebbets, Arthur H..... ..... Morris.
Todd, John W..... Montevideo.
*Tracy, Isaac B..... St. Cloud.
Trussell, William F ..... Champlin.
Turner, Tell A..... ..... St. Paul.
*Upton, Rufus P..... Garvin.
Updyke, Stephen G.. .... Minneapolis.

Walker, Cornelius E..... ..... Sherburn.
Wallar, William C. A..... .... Mantorville.
Warren, Albert..... ..... Lake Benton.
Warren, Willis A..... Spring Valley.
Washburn, Francis M..... .... Telluride, Col.
*Watt, James..... ..... Dawson.
Webber, Edwin E..... ..... Centerville, S. D.
West, Lester L... . ..... Winona.
Wheelwright, John B..... ..... Minneapolis.
Whitcomb, William A..... . ..... Ada.
Wilcox, Charles E..... .... Biwabik.
*Wilkinson, William A..... ... ... North Branch.
Williams, Ashley J..... . ..... Chapin, Iowa.
Wilson, Sherman B..... . ... Faribault.
Wright, Cassius E., D. D..... ..... Austin.

LICENTIATES.

Barnes, Albert E.. ....Perham.
Ferguson, Frank P..... ..... Big Lake.
Hoffman, John A..... ..... Granada.
Slater, Sheldon..... .... West Dora.

OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

Darling, May, Presb..... .... McIntosh.
English, S. N., U. B..... Bertha.
Keene, Josiah L, Free Meth.. ..... Mankato.
Johnson, C. G.. Forb't..... Little Falls.
Lewis, W. W., Presb..... ..... St. Paul.
Moore, Frank L., Presb ..... Minneapolis.

DIED.

Charles C. Salter, D. D..... .... Duluth.

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Change of Place and Time of Next Annual Meeting.

Just as the Minutes go to press, Fergus Falls withdraws its invitation; and delegates will take notice:—the next meeting of the Association will be held with the Church at Rochester, September 12, 1899.

The Committe of Arrangements consists of Rev. J. F. Taintor, H. M. Lovell, A. K. Knapp.

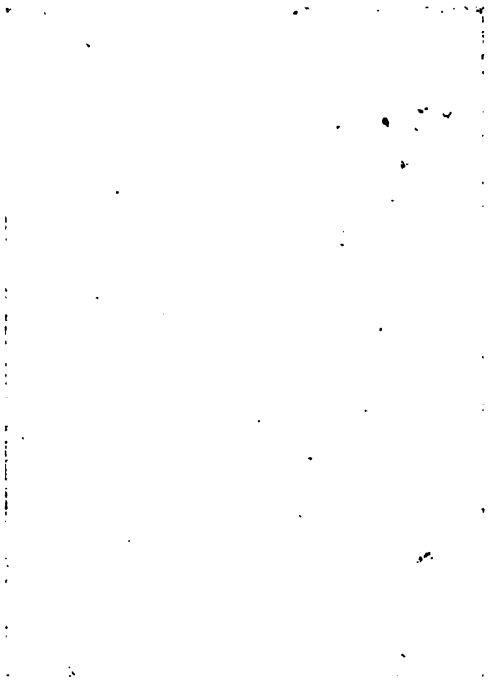
WE are glad to present in this issue portraits of Pres. Cyrus Northrop of the State University, Pres. James W. Strong and Miss Margaret J. Evans of Carleton College, Miss Frances C. Gage of Marsovan and Rev. Robert McCune, deceased.

President Northrop and President Strong are among the foremost educators of the country. Rev. Robert McCune was honored as a pastor of long and faithful service.

Miss Evans is the first lady chosen to be a Corporate Member of the American Board.

Miss Gage will be remembered for heroic service at Marsovan. She is at present at her home in St. Paul, resting.

PRES. CYRUS NORTHROP, L. L. D.



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MINUTES OF THE

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...Of the...

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...Held at...

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SECRETARY:
REV. S. W. DICKINSON, Zumbrota.

NOTICES FOR 1899.

The next annual meeting will be held with the Congregational Church at Fergus Falls, September 19th, 1899.

The Sermon will be preached by Rev. Alexander McGregor of St. Paul.

Moderator for the next meeting, Hon. Lyndon A. Smith of Montevideo.

Assistant Moderator, Rev. Geo. M. Morrison of Marshall.

Committee of Arrangements, Rev. C. M. G. Harwood, W. S. MacMahon, Rev. H. B. Hendley.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE—Rev. Geo. D. Black, Harrington Beard and Rev. W. C. A. Wallar.

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ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—Lowell E. Jepson, Rev. E. F. Wheeler and Rev. Henry Holmes.

ON TEMPERANCE.—Rev. R. H. Battey, Rev. C. A. Ruddock and Rev. David N. Beach.

ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.—Rev. T. M. Edmands, Rev. C. L. Mears, Rev. G. Ernest Smith, Rev. A. H. Tebbets, Rev. J. H. B. Smith, Rev. W. A. Warren, Rev. E. B. Chase and Rev. Geo. W. Gallagher.

ON CARLETON COLLEGE.—Rev. S. J. Rogers, Rev. F. A. Sumner, Rev. J. P. Dickerman, Hon. Lyndon A Smith, Rev. J. H. B. Smith, Rev. J. H. Chandler, Rev. Geo. M. Morrison, Rev. C. M. G. Harwood and Rev. J. F. Taintor.

ON WINDOM INSTITUTE.—Rev. Henry Holmes, Rev. J. L. Jones and Prof. Daniel Magnus.

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Rev. H. A. Cotton, Rev. G. E. Soper, Rev. Isaac B. Tracy, Rev. T. M. Edmands, Rev. M. B. Bird, Rev. F. L. Meske, Rev. J. H. B. Smith, Rev. R. G. Jones and Rev. Wm. Lodwick.

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DELEGATES TO INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF 1899.—Pres. J. W. Strong, Rev. J. F. Taintor, Hon. David C. Bell and Hon. Lyndon A. Smith. ALTERNATES.—Rev. J. H. Chandler, Rev. J. H. Albert, Prof. Horace Goodhue and F. W. Anderson.

MEMBER OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF AMERICAN LEAGUE.—Rev. George D. Black.

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DELEGATES TO CLEVELAND CONGRESS OF AMERICAN ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE.—Rev. L. H. Keller, Rev. J. E. McConnell, Rev. Alexander McGregor, Rev. J. H. Albert and Rev. C. W. Merrill.

ON PRESERVATION OF HISTORY.—Rev. R. P. Herrick, Pres. J. W. Strong, Rev. S. G. Smith, Rev. J. H. Morley, Rev. J. F. Taintor and W. F. Black.

The following amendment to Article 5 of the Constitution is proposed:

"To strike out the word 'closing' in second line and insert the word 'opening.'"

MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The forty-third annual meeting of the GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA was held at Owatonna, September 20th, 1898.

The Association was called to order at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon by the Assistant Moderator, Rev. R. S. Cross, who read a letter from Rev. E. P. Ingersoll of Brooklyn, explaining that absence from the State would prevent his acting as Moderator. On assuming the chair the Moderator gave a brief opening address and called upon Rev. L. H. Keller to offer prayer.

The Roll was made out which when completed was as follows:

ROLL OF THE ASSOCIATION.

ANOKA CONFERENCE.

Anoka—Mrs. J. T. Brown, Mrs H. E. Peck. *Brownton*—Rev. J. W. Danford, John Thom. *Excelsior*—Rev. C. L. Mears, Mrs. C. L. Mears. *Glencoe*—Rev. J. W. Todd. *Minneapolis:—Como Avenue*—E. W. Gilles. *First*—Mrs. Stella A. McIntyre. *Forest Heights*—A. E. Barnes. *Fremont Avenue*—Mrs. C. B. Fellows. *Lyndale Avenue*—Rev. L. H. Keller, J. M. Norris, Mrs. Helen Babcock, Mrs. Silas Newcomb. *Lowry Hill*—J. Goldsbury. *Oak Park*—Rev. F. L. Moore, C. C. Ketter. *Open Door*—Rev. Wm. Hardcastle. *New Brighton*—Rev. F. H. Bassett. *Pilgrim*—Rev. C. B. Moody, Mrs. C. B. Moody, Mrs. A. N. Burton. *Plymouth*—Rev. D. N. Beach, Rev. H. B. Hendley, Mrs. H. B. Hendley, W. N. Carroll, N.W. Clark, D. C. Bell, W. F. Black, Mrs.W. F. Black, Mrs. H. L. Chase. *38th Street*—Rev. S. J. Rogers. *Union*—Rev. D. D. Davis. *Vine*—Rev. S. V. S. Fisher, Mrs. S. V. S. Fisher, Mrs. F. A. Brownson. *Princeton*—Rev. C. D. Moore. *St. Paul:—Atlantic*—Rev. W. W. Lewis, Mrs. W. W.

Lewis. *Bethany*—Rev. W. W. Newell. *Peoples*—Rev. S. G. Smith, D. T. Wellington, Miss Kate Wayland, R. A. Hoyt. *Plymouth*—Rev. Geo. E. Soper, Mrs. Geo. E. Soper, Mrs. J. A. Chandler, Mrs. Addie Bixby Upham, Mrs. M. A. Robb. *Park*—Rev. Alexander McGregor, Mrs. A. McGregor, Mrs. J. A. Clapp. *University Avenue*—Rev. H. W. Parsons, Mrs. H. W. Parsons. *Stillwater*—Rev. J. H. Albert. *Wayzata*—Rev. Alice R. Palmer.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

Alexandria—Rev. W. H. Medlar, Rev. F. P. Ferguson. *Grey Eagle*—Rev. W. E. Griffith. *Little Falls*—Rev. F. A. Sumner. *St. Cloud*—Rev. I. B. Tracy. *Sauk Centre*—Rev. G. Ernest Smith.

MANKATO CONFERENCE.

Freeborn—Rev. Wilbur Fisk, Miss R. T. Challis. *Freedom*—A. J. Geary. *Mankato*—Rev. T. Merrill Edmands, Rev. J. C. Huntington, Mrs. Thos. Hughes, Rev. E. V. Bjorklund. *Mapleton*—Mrs. J. A. Derome. *New Richland*—Rev. F. H. Oehler, Mrs. A. J. Drake. *Sherburne*—Rev. J. E. Ingham. *Waseca*—Rev. F. E. Carter, Mrs. F. E. Carter, Mrs. D. J. Shaw, Mrs. O. D. Sawin.

MINNESOTA VALLEY CONFERENCE.

Hancock—Rev. Geo. R. Searles. *Granite Falls*—Rev. Jas. Earl. *Madison*—Rev. D. Donovan. *Montevideo*—Lyndon A. Smith, Miss Kennedy. *Ortonville*—Rev. F. L. Meske.

NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

Barnesville—Rev. T. H. Lewis. *Crookston*—Rev. H. P. Fisher. *Wadena*—Rev. J. H. B. Smith, Mrs. Esther Smith.

OWATONNA CONFERENCE.

Austin—O. W. Shaw, C. D. Decker, Mrs. C. D. Decker, Mrs. A. N. Decker, Mrs. A. D. Harris, Mrs. J. J. Hayes, Mrs. Abbott. *Cannon City*—C. G. Pye,

Mrs. C. G. Pye. *Cannon Falls*—Mrs. Reyberg. *Claremont*—Mrs. O. F. Way, F. O. Stevens, Mabel Hubbard, Julia Griffin. *Dodge Center*—Rev. H. A. Cotton, Mrs. F. S. Allen, Dea. Charles Gallop, Mrs. James Dodge. *Faribault*—Rev. Geo. S. Ricker, Mrs. Geo. S. Ricker, J. L. Noyes, Mrs. J. L. Noyes, C. W. Hallock, E. G. Nutting, Mrs. A. C. Rogers, Mrs. E. N. Leavens, Brewer Mattocks, Prof. J. J. Dow. *Lyle*—L. W. Sherman. *Mantorville*—Rev. W. C. A. Wallar, Rev. Jas. McLaughlin, Ed. M. Ruth. *Medford*—Rev. W. R. Stewart, D. McKinley, Mrs. D. McKinley, Mrs. Alice L. Flynn. *Northfield*—Rev. J. E. McConnell, Mrs. J. E. McConnell, Rev. W. M. Jenkins, J. P. Washburn, W. H. Marien, Lucia E. Danforth, Agnes E. Page, H. W. Page, Mrs. Horace Goodhue, Mrs. A. W. Norton, Mrs. C. B. Sheldon, Mrs. M. W. Skinner, Mrs. Geo. Huntington. *Spring Valley*—Rev. W. A. Warren, Mrs. W. A. Warren, Emma Hart, Lulu Rumsay, Everett Jones, Mrs. Everett Jones. *Waterville*—H. P. Blair, Mrs. J. G. Worlein, Mrs. L. E. Kenrick, Mrs. Lettie Rees.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

Lake Benton—Rev. R. G. Jones. *Lamberton*—Rev. E. E. Rogers. *Marshall*—Rev. Geo. M. Morrison, Mrs. Geo. M. Morrison, Mrs. D. M. King, Mrs. C. E. Persons. *Winthrop*—Rev. C. A. Ruddock.

WINONA CONFERENCE.

Lake City—Rev. E. B. Chase. *Plainview*—Rev. F. J. Brown, Mrs. F. J. Brown, J. P. Newell, F Parr. *Rochester*—Rev. J. F. Taintor, Mrs. R. C. Stillman, Mrs. F. A. Paul. *Stewartville*—Rev. Wm. Lodwick.

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Prof. Geo. Huntington,	Northfield.
Rev. S. W. Dickinson,	Zumbrota.
Rev. H. L. Chase,	Minneapolis.
Rev. R. H. Battey,	Minneapolis.
Rev. R. P. Herrick,	Minneapolis.
Rev. C. B. Fellows,	Minneapolis.

Rev. J. H. Morley,	Minneapolis.
Rev. John F. Okerstein,	Minneapolis.
Rev. C. E. Walker,	Austin.
Rev. James Oakey,	Robbinsdale.
Rev. D. W. Cram,	Lyle.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Rev. C. H. Taintor,	Chicago.
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Mrs. C. H. Taintor,	Chicago.
Rev. E. F. Wheeler,	Austin.
C. E. Reyberg,	Cannon Falls.
Rev. W. G. Ramsey,	St. Charles.
Rev. N. J. Jager,	Walnut Grove.
Rev. P. A. Johnson,	Montevideo.
Miss Catherine Nichols,	St. Paul.
Rev. Henry Holmes,	Minneapolis.
C. N. Hunt,	Minneapolis.
Rev. E. B. Jones,	Owatonna.
Rev. S. Ellery,	Owatonna.
Prof. Graham Taylor,	Chicago.
Rev. J. C. Ablett,	Alton, Ia.
Rev. A. R. Thain,	Chicago.
Pres. Cyrus Northrop,	Minneapolis.
Rev. T. M. Minnis,	Grand Meadow.
Rev. V. H. Ruring,	Waterville.

On suspension of the rule the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for Rev. L. H. Keller, Assistant Moderator. Rev. W. A. Warren was elected Scribe and J. M. Norris, Auditor.

The Business Committee reported the printed program, subject to alterations.

Rev. S. W. Dickinson, Secretary of the Association, read his ninth annual report.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

I have the pleasure to present my ninth annual report—completing three full terms as Secretary of this Association.

It has been an increasing joy to mark the growth of the churches, both in numbers and spiritual efficiency, while the outlook is inspiring.

The conferences are formed for fellowship of the local churches, an important feature of Congregationalism.

During the year, in order to secure closer contact and fellowship, the Northern Pacific conference was divided, ten churches being dismissed to form the Duluth conference. The organization of the State body now consists of nine conferences.

Anoka conference, with its fifty-six churches, covering a wide area, the largest in the State, with four of the largest churches, might well reconsider the question of division that came before it a few years ago.

At the earliest possible day after the gathering of the statistics the State minutes were published and distributed to the churches. We were glad to honor its pages with half-tone cuts of Rev. Edmund Gale and of Rev. C. C. Salter, who died in Duluth last December. We take some pride in this enrichment of the State minutes in the fact that Minnesota was the first to introduce this feature into State publications, now followed by so many. It has been our intention to insert, in the future, pictures of the old mission house built by the Pond brothers at Lake Harriet in 1835—the first building erected for educational purposes in the State; also of the old First church, of St. Anthony, with other valuable historical data.

In making this report I desire again to emphasize the importance of accuracy in the statistical reports. An incomplete or incorrect report is worse than misleading; it is an injustice to the entire body of reporting churches. After a fair trial of the "time limit" plan, we are firm in our conviction that only such a rule will insure promptness on the part of clerks, troubled more or less with indifference in the matter or constitutional inertia. A month and a half, or February 10th, is ample time for any officer to collect the material and make the return to the registrar of his conference that it may reach the State Secretary in time for an issue of the minutes, and a copy furnished the year book by March 1st.

Inasmuch as the State Secretary is one of the editors of the year book, on its behalf as well as our own, we desire to enter a strong protest against sending additional facts or figures to the year book indirectly—that is, not through the Secretary. For example, on receiving the State minutes a pastor discovers that his clerk has not reported his church membership, Sunday-school or benevolences correctly. He at once sits down and writes to Secretary Hazen to increase the figures so much. Now, as anxious as we all are to get all figures and get them right, it is easily seen that such indirect procedure puts the year book at variance with the State minutes. If anyone happens to compare them they wonder what the matter is. This happened this year and

has happened before. We earnestly plead with all concerned to make a complete, accurate, prompt report to the State Secretary, and trust the rest to Providence.

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank the officers of this Association, who from time to time, with all in the churches, have so kindly assisted me in the perplexing, arduous, but joyful duties of this office.

The report was received and referred to the Printing Committee.

Rev. S. W. Dickinson presented a report as Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

S. W. Dickinson in account with the General Congregational Association of Minnesota for the year ending September 22nd, 1898.

DEBIT.

Cash on hand, September 30th, 1897,	$ 95.07
Received from Anoka Conference, bal. on assessment of 1897,	229.50
" " Central " " " " " 1897,	24.61
" " " " on assessment of 1898,	.30
" " Mankato " bal. on assessment of 1897,	42.80
" " " " on assessment of 1898,	17.20
" " Minn. Valley " bal. on assessment of 1897,	14.35
" " " " " on assessment of 1898,	6.00
" " Northern Pacific Conference, bal. on assessment of 1897,	67.85
" " Owatonna Conference on assessment of 1898,	105.88
" " Western " " " " 1898,	13.50
" " Winona " " " " 1898,	48.00
Total,	$665.06

CREDIT.

September 29, 1897.	Bill of Business Committee,	$ 30.80
" 29, 1897.	To Secretary Congregational Club,	10.00
December 9, 1897.	Northwestern Congregationalist Co.,	20.00
February 10, 1898.	Postage and Stationery,	7.29
March 21, 1898.	Mailing and Expressing State Minutes,	18.62
" 21, 1898.	Distribution,	5.00
" 23, 1898.	Envelopes,	2.50
April 12, 1898.	Kamman Printing Co.,	167.30
September 12, 1898.	Exchange,	.35
" 12, 1898.	Salary of Secretary and Treasurer,	100.00
" 12, 1898.	Postage and Stationery,	4.35
" 12, 1898.	S. B. Forbes, Treasurer National Council,	250.00
		$616,21
December 13, 1897.	Northwestern Congregationalist Co. for which indemnity paper is held,	30.00
	Total,	$646.21

SPECIAL.

Received by collection at the communion service, September 29, 1897, $26 80, for Rev. Richard Hall to which was added the special contribution of the evening and later by individual friends, $73.20. Total, $100.00. Paid Rev. Richard Hall, October 12, 1897, $100.00.

ASSETS.

Balance on hand September 20th, 1898,		$ 18.85
Due from the Conferences on Assessment of 1898:		
Anoka Conference,	$375.95	
Central Conference,	79.45	
Duluth Conference,	36.10	
Mankato Conference,	47.20	
Minnesota Valley Conference,	25.65	
Northern Pacific Conference,	44.40	
Owatonna Conference,	23.02	
Western Conference,	16.05	
Winona Conference,	35.45	683.27
Total.		$702.12

NOTE.—Credit was given Northern Pacific Conference of $36.10 due from churches transferred on formation of Duluth Conference.

LIABILITIES.

Unpaid dues to National Council:	
Balance of 1897,	$ 33.36
Dues of 1898,	352.38
Total,	$385.74

Respectfully submitted with vouchers and bank statement.

S. W. DICKINSON,
Treasurer.

The report was received and referred to the Auditor who afterwards reported:

"The Auditor reports that he has examined the report and vouchers submitted by the Treasurer and finds that the same are correct, the amount reported as being on hand, $18.85, being evidenced by certificate from St. Paul National Bank, dated September 19, 1898."

JOHN M. NORRIS,
OWATONNA, September 21, 1898. Auditor.

On motion it was voted that $30.00 additional to the appropriation last year be given to the Northwestern Congregationalist.

The report of Committee on Finance and Printing was made by W. F. Black, Chairman:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

SEPTEMBER 20th, 1898.

The Committee on Finance and Printing submit the following estimate of expenses for the ensuing year:

Printing Minutes and Statistics,	$200.00
Wrapping, Mailing and Expressing same,	45.00
Expenses of Committees.	35.00
Postage and Stationery for State Secretary,	15.00
Salary of Secretary and Treasurer,	100.00
National Council,	364.60
Total,	$759.60

To meet the above expenses we recommend an assessment of five cents per member, apportioned among the conferences as follows:

Anoka Conference,	$382.80
Central Conference,	72.35
Duluth Conference,	36.45
Mankato Conference,	67.50
Minnesota Valley Conference,	33.20
Northern Pacific Conference,	45.65
Owatonna Conference,	125.65
Western Conference,	32.80
Winona Conference,	83.50
Total,	$880.90

The Secretary, Rev. S. W. Dickinson, read the annual report on the Religious Condition of the Churches.

RELIGIOUS CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES.

The annual statistics gathered January 1st showed a total church membership of 18,320, a gain over the report of last year of 502. The total benevolences of 187 churches reporting amounted to $34,717, a decrease of $6,684 from the previous year. The home expenditures were $204,798, an increase of $36,752.

Of the former, the proportion was $1.89½ per member; of the latter, $11.78¾ per member.

Comparing this with, for instance, Iowa, an older State, with twice the membership, the proportion for 1897 was: Benevolence, $2.18¾; home expenses, $8.16½ per member, a gain over Minnesota of 29¼ in benevolences, and again in favor of Minnesota of $3.62¼ in home expenses. We are thus able to see where we stand relatively.

During the year there were received on confession of faith 958, an average of one to every nineteen members.

But 53 churches reported no conversions, 21 reported 1 conversion and 68 churches less than 5 conversions.

In benevolences, 16 churches report no contributions; 74 did not give to foreign missions; 48 did not give to home missions. To this must be added the fact that 26 churches made no statistical report on church membership and 31 failed to report benevolences if any were given.

Statistics to the average man may be dry, but, brethren, these figures are significant, and deserve not comment so much as study, and to be pressed upon the conscience of Christian people.. They show too large a proportion of church members uninterested in great vital features of Christianity. That too large a religious force is unapplied, a great blessing is lost to churches and to individuals themselves. The sadness of the reflection should awaken a determination for better things. Christianity it not so much on trial as we are on trial in the way the problems it raises are met.

Five conferences have new registrars this year, and reports have not been obtained from all of the churches as reported at the spring meeting. We condense the following points from the material obtained:

The prayer meeting generally has been well sustained, in some cases with unusual and increasing interest.

The congregations on the Sabbath are large; public interest in worship and preaching the Word would appear to be increasing in places hitherto neglected.

Quite a number of churches report the clearing up of old debts, with improvement of property.

It is noticable this year reports mention the payment of the pastor's salary promptly and putting the finances on a systematic basis.

It has not been a year of revivals, but reports show a large number of churches have enjoyed special meetings of a quiet but uplifting influence, which is often of more real value than the visit of an evangelist.

Our sympathies go out toward a few churches that have had no pastor; have maintained irregular services; are depleted by removals and the ability to hold the field a serious question, owing to the incoming foreign population.

We note, as we have in former years, wide interest in the study of the Bible, outline study of the life of Christ, and the history of Christian doctrine. Many pastors have formed special classes for young people, either as a training class for children from 12 to 16 years of age to prepare for intelligent church membership, or along the line of Christian service. Not in recent years, certainly, have the reports indicated that so much effort is being made to reach young men and young women and to bring all classes of talent into active use.

Special organizations known as clubs have been formed for literary development and support of the Sunday evening service. In particular instances these clubs have maintained lecture courses, furnishing under the auspices of the church the only popular entertainment the town enjoys. Occasionally the Sunday evening service is given up to laymen for the discussion of local phases of morals.

From these reports we draw three general conclusions:

First—Our churches, with commendable zeal, seek to grasp the situation that confronts them to get at the real problem and solve it, whether it be city work or frontier—the strong church with great opportunities or the weak one with limited.

Second—They appreciate the importance of dealing with social questions. This, for the sake of the church itself as well as for society. Hence social theology is receiving more attention from intelligent pastors than ever before.

Third—There are unmistakable signs of a desire for a deeper spiritual life in the churches. Insistence is put upon the baptism of the Holy Spirit in preaching and Christians are seeking this not as a privilege but a necessity for both testimony and service, thus bringing experience back to the New Testament, when not to be filled with the spirit and endued with power was the exception. What results may we not look for on any field when this blessed promise is realized! For this let us pray.

The Association was led in a devotional half hour by Rev. C. M. G. Harwood.

The Moderator announced the following committee;

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS: Rev. C. B. Moody, Rev. F. A. Sumner, Hon. D. C. Bell.

PLACE AND PREACHER: Rev. C. L. Mears, J. M. Norris, Rev. W. M. Jenkins.

RESOLUTIONS: Rev. S. G. Smith, Rev. C. D. Moore, Prof. J. J. Dow.

Rev. T. Merrill Edmands made the following report on

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

The aim of the committee has been to communicate with every church and urge all to systematic contributions for all the six societies.

While there have been many instances of gross neglect and lack of interest, the greater number of pastors have responded to the calls of the committee, and there are cheering indications that there will be an increase of offerings this year over that of 1897. The committee justly lay upon pastors the

responsibility for the benevolent contributions and say truly that "the trouble in part lies with pastors who have not been educated in Congressional policy and history. It would be a wise thing if no one were given a commission by the Home Missionary Society until he had posted himself on the history of benevolence."

It was voted that the Printing Committee have access to all papers in the hands of the Secretary.

Rev. R. H. Battey read the report of the Committee on

TEMPERANCE.

Before January 1st, 1898, the chairman of your committee had been invited by the American Anti-Saloon League to accept the office of superintendent and organizer for the State of Minnesota. After much prayer and frequent conferences with prominent temperance workers, he was led to accept this office, and began labors January 1st, and has devoted his entire time to this work until the present.

Nearly all the Sabbaths have been spent in addressing union anti-saloon meetings in some 95 cities and towns, and more than half of the week days have also been spent in a like way, addressing the people in the interests of this work, taking voluntary subscriptions for the support of the State work, and in some places organizations of leagues have been accomplished.

The chairman of your committee attended the American Anti-Saloon Congress at Columbus, Ohio, in January to have consultation over plans for the Minnesota work. The National Superintendent, Rev. Howard H. Russell, of Ohio, was induced to come to the State and fill appointments made by us during four weeks in March. He spoke in about twenty different cities, including Minneapolis, Winona, Mankato and others, setting forth anti-saloon plans and ideas, taking subscriptions for our work, forming league organizations and creating confidence and hope in the cause. This was a very successful campaign, and helped to place the work on good footing.

During the present month and under the charge of the board there was held the first Minnesota State Congress of Agti-Saloon Leagues and Workers, having delegates from all churches and temperance societies.

The members of this Association are at liberty to form their own estimates of the value of this work in behalf of the anti-saloon league which your committee has put forth. We have given such aid and encouragement to other kinds of temperance work as we were able.

This business-like and acceptable movement against the saloon is larger

wiser than any of us could have planned. It does not involve the displacement of other forms of temperance work. It becomes the federating ground, the camp of mobilization of all churches and all temperance workers, and as such is to have large and enduring claims upon us all as lovers of God and as builders upon foundations of practical righteousness.

Your committee would fraternally suggest the following:

First—That our Nominating committee be instructed to propose one of our members as a regular member of the Board of Direction of the American Anti-Saloon League, and five members to attend, as they may be able, the next National Congress of Leagues to be held at Cleveland, Oh o, in December next. Also five delegates to attend as our representatives the next Minnesota Congress of Leagues. Delegates having power to appoint alternates in case they cannot attend.

Second—That this Association again urge upon the approaching session of our legislature to pass a wisely framed county option law; also to revise the statutes as to make far better enforcement of anti-saloon law.

Third—That our churches, Sunday schools and all ranks of Christian workers be requested to share heartily in all local efforts for the supression of intemperance and the removal of intolerable wickedness and crime of the age —the saloon business.

Rev. S. J. Rogers offered prayer.

Report of State Sunday School Committee prepared by L. E. Jepson was read by Mrs. C. B. Moody.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Summary of reports for the year ending December 31st, 1897:

Number of schools,	382
Total membership,	28,790
Average attendance,	19,577
Total benevolences,	$1,373
Self-support,	5,883
Total number united with the church,	266
Schools observing Children's Day,	76
Volumes in our l braries,	8,097
New schools started last year,	40

Putting Minnesota at the head of this work.

There has been not only an increase in the number of schools but a perceptable gain in the average attendance, an increase in our benevolences, self-support and number uniting with the church.

There was the first of January the ordinary difficulty in obtaining reports from the superintendents of our Sunday schools on which statistics might be based. These reports are of the greatest value if we are to follow out any systematic improvements in our Congregational Sunday schools in Minnesota.

It is urgently desired that each school make definite collections for our denominational societies, and especially upon the observance of Children's Day, by taking a large collection for the support of the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society.

We have in Minnesota now quite a large number of Norwegian and Swedish Sunday schools on our list. It has been difficult for these Scandinavian churches to bring their schools up to our ideals of the Sunday school. There are, as yet, no quarterlies or supplies of any value in the Scandinavian tongue, consequently we find that even large Swedish churches have often poor schools, meagerly supplied with literature and lacking the life and joy of our American Sunday schools. It would be of great value for neighboring Congregational Sunday schools to take an interest in helping these Scandinavian brethren in developing their Sunday school work and occasionally visiting them with an address on some feature of the Sunday school work. Rev. John F. Okerstein, our Swedish Sunday school missionary, has done valuable work among these schools, and his work in our State has resulted in the organization of churches that will add honor and strength to Congregationalism in Minnesota.

Rev. R. P. Herrick made a report as Superintendent as follows:

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

In the ten years to March 1st there have been organized 345 Sunday schools. About two-thirds of this number have become a permanent factor in the Congregational life of the State. The other third have either been of temporary help for a season or so or have passed to other denominational care. In the main the expense and effort for these schools not now on our list has been fully justified. Of the sixty-six per cent which have entered into our denominational life forty-two have developed into Congregational churches or

were organized in connection with a movement for a church, while fifty-four other churches have had help in their Sunday school work. From these figures one may readily estimate the degree in which the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society has entered into the growth of the Kingdom of Christ, under the Congregational name, here in Minnesota during the decade past.

Turning now to the outline of the missionary Sunday school work since our last association meeting, we find it assuming a somewhat different form from that of other years. Through the splendid co-operation of Messrs. Stickney, Conard, Pederson, Okerstein and Huntington it has been possible to follow up work locally as never before and to more nearly keep up with the rapid growth of population in this great commonwealth.

Take first that great northern stretch beyond the northmost railroads, where the steel rails glistening in the sun to-day speak of a new civilization coming into the wilderness of yesterday. There Supt. Stickney early this spring, with the co-operation of Rev. Blomquist on the west and Rev. W. J. Conard and Mr. Stewart on the south, has made religious beginnings in a dozen new centers of village life. Mr. Conard, brought providentially back to this section, has worked unsparingly through the summer to give these new points pastoral care. Pastor Blomquist has made long trips out from Fosston at great sacrifice for the sake of the work. Mr. Stewart, of Park Rapids; but who learned Christian work at Lake City, has helped in that section in connection with his business travels. We speak with the highest appreciation of the single-hearted work for Christ done by these brethren.

The northern part of the State still presents old-time pioneer conditions—the log house, the unmade roads, the rapid inflow of floating population, the incoming of the saloon numerously in the new towns, and all the heterogeneous conditions of a new settlement. In all this pioneer work Superintendent Stickney's long and broad experience has been of the utmost value in foundation laying.

In the Red River Valley an obscure but far-reaching work has been in progress among Norwegians and Danes under the lead of Rev. Pederson. A disruption of the old foreign churches has been taking place, the prayer meeting, Bible studying folk leaving the old churches in a body. More than twenty such groups have come out of the established churches there, much as our ancestors left the churches of their day in old England and for very much the same reasons. One church and five Sunday schools are the results of Mr. Pederson's work among these people on the Minnesota side of the river the last year.

A work akin to this has been done by our Swedish missionary, Rev. F. Okerstein. As one comes into the older section of the State, along the southern portions of the Pacific railroads, he finds many communities in small villiages or country regions where the population is pretty evenly divided between the Swedish and English-speaking American citizens. Into such communities Rev. Okerstein has gone the past year with blessed results. In one such neighborhood, where evil had long reigned uninterrupted, and where all was

strife and bitterness among neighbors, Rev. Okerstein went with the simple story of Christ's love and redemption, and there is now a changed community life, with the joy and unity in Him who hath loved them and given himself to die for them. A church of thirty-two members is the outward evidence of this inward work. If there were time we should like to tell of the work at Randall, at Aldrich, at Manhattan Park, at St. Louis Park and at many others where our Swedish missionary has gone with the help that religion alone brings.

In the southwestern part of the State Rev. J. C. Huntington began in January a work among long established churches and their environs. The work was of a new kind and was only made possible by the co-operation of the churches of that section with the home missionary and Sunday school societies. The result of this experiment has been exceedingly gratifying. In several cases weak churches have been given an entirely new future through the care Rev. Huntington has been able to give them.

On the Sunday school side of the work he has found opportunity for reaching out and organizing several groups of schools and supplying them with summer preaching, raising the money on the field.

Carleton College has made a large contribution to this work through the students she has furnished. Only those who have known this patient and pains-taking work in detail can have any adequate appreciation of its value to the denomination and to Christ's Kingdom.

It has been a pleasure to plan and assist all this missionary activity, and to promote other work of a similar character through the eastern central part of the State, and we again return thanks to every pastor and superintendent, to every Sunday school, Endeavor society and Woman's Missionary Union whose prayers and gifts have entered into this foundation laying for the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. We beseech you as you return to your fields to see that this work has adequate remembrance in the gifts of your church the coming year. We are depending too largely on the gifts of the Sunday schools to support this far-reaching work and we need as never before the support of the churches themselves in this multiform Christian effort.

A children's exercise was given illustrating the work of the national organizations.

Rev. J. H. Chandler, pastor of the church, gave an address of welcome followed by Rev. E. B. Jones, pastor of the Baptist church, who extended courtesies to the Association in the use of their church. Response in behalf of the Association was made by Rev. H. P. Fisher, of Crookston.

TUESDAY EVENING.

The Annual Sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Todd, of Glencoe, from Rom. 8-19, and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated.

A collection was taken for the Ministerial Aid Society.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The business session was called to order at at 8:30.

Rev. J. E. Ingham offered prayer.

On motion, Pres. J. W. Strong was instructed to express the sympathy of the Association to Rev. C. E. Wright of Austin in his continued illness.

Notice was given by Rev. G. S. Ricker of the following proposed amendment to Article V of the Constitution; to strike out the word "closing" near the middle of the second line and insert the word "opening," for the purpose of securing a change in the time of electing the Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

The Secretary was instructed to send greeting to the Wisconsin Association in session at Sparta.

Rev. F. E. Carter spoke on "Christian Endeavor; How Obtain More Fruit." Followed by discussion.

Rev. R. P. Herrick read a paper on "Preservation of Our History" with recommendations, which were referred to a committee consisting of Rev. R. P. Herrick, Pres. J. W. Strong, Rev. S. G. Smith, Rev. J. H. Morley, Rev. J. F. Taintor and Dea. W. F. Black.

The report on Windom Institute was given by Dean Horace Goodhue, followed by J. M. Norris on "The Financial Condition."

Rev. S. G. Smith presented the following resolution which was adopted:

"*Resolved;* That the Financial Committee for Windom Institute be continued for another year, that they be asked to state, before the close of this meeting, the amount which will be required in addition to the estimated income from tuition and from collectable subscriptions on hand to free the Institute from floating debt, and one year hence that they be also asked to present a plan for raising the money."

Rev. C. H. Taintor spoke in behalf of the Church Building Society.

A devotional half hour was led by Rev. J. E. McConnell.

The Committee on Resolutions reported the following which were adopted:

RESOLUTION ON EDUCATION.

1. We desire to again record our conviction of the supreme importance of Christian education.

2. We are profoundly thankful for the high reputation which Carleton College continues to maintain for its intellectual and material equipment, bearing favorable comparison with the best colleges east and west. But we are most of all grateful for its spiritual history and its usefulness in developing Christian character. We confidently commend Carleton College to the support of our pastors and people.

3. We recognize the usefulness of Windom Institute, the self-denying labors of its faculty, and pledge it our continued support.

Resolved; That the Association heartily endorses the Northwestern Congregationalist, our local church news organ, and commends it to the patronage of the churches.

ON THE DEATH OF REV. ROBERT McCUNE.

Whereas, we miss from this Association Rev. Robert McCune, one of our oldest members in active service, whose death occured in February last,

Resolved; That we hold in grateful remembrance the character and service of our departed brother in this and other states and express to his family our tender sympathies.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The first hour was used by the Woman's Home Missionary Union.

At 3:00 o'clock the Minnesota Home Missionary Society held its annual meeting.

After a ride about the city, at 5:30 the Association listened to Prof. Graham Taylor on "The New Opportunity of the Church."

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

At 7:30 the Association assembled in the Baptist church.

Rev. Geo. D. Black made an address on "Soldiering," and Hon. Lyndon A. Smith on "The Christian in Politics."

THURSDAY MORNING.

A devotional half hour was led by C. N. Hunt.

The annual report of the Ministerial Relief Society was read by Rev. J. H. Morley and the following were chosen as the Board of Directors of said society; Rev. R. P, Herrick, Rev. F. L. Moore and Rev. H. B. Hendley.

The following suggestion from the National Council was referred to the Committee on Systematic Beneficence:

"They shall make it their purpose to reach so far as possible ever Congregational church in the country, and try to enlist each church to give something every year to each of the six societies. They shall organize throughout all our States similar committees, to be composed wherever practicable of one man from each conference in the State. The member upon the State committee representing the conference shall in turn urge the appointment of a missionary committee in each conference, of such number as shall leave each member responsible for not more than five churches. It shall be the duty of each member of the conference committee to see that each of the five churches for which he is responsible has some definite plan of missionary work laid out for it at the beginning of each year. 'An offering from every church and a gift from every member' should be the purpose."

President Strong introduced the following minute:

"A question having arisen as to the title 'Assistant Moderator' we now define it as equivalent to Vice Moderator, so that in case of vacancy the Assistant shall assume the duties of Moderator,"

and it was adopted.

The Secretary was instructed to convey the sympathy of the Association to Rev. R. Hall, Rev. C. Seecomb, Rev. E. Gale and Rev. L. W. Chaney.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

MODERATOR.—Hon. Lyndon A. Smith.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR.—Rev. Geo. M. Morrison.

The Nominating Committee completed its report. (See Standing Committees.)

The Financial Committee on Windom Institute, in accordance with previous instruction submitted the following report:

"The total amount required to carry the Institute through the current year, including debt unprovided for,		$4,000
Receipts from Scholarship,	$1,500	
Expected from Congregational Educational Society,	1,000	
To be raised by Subscription,	1,500	
Total,	$4.000	

We recommend that it is the sense of the Association that the citizens of Montevideo should immediately secure pledges for at least one third of the amount required. Also

Resolved; That this Association take steps at once to secure pledges for the balance payable in three equal installments on December 1, 1898, March 1, 1899 and June 1, 1899."

The Secretary read greetings from the Wisconsin Association.

The report of the Committee on Methods of Organization was read by Rev. G. E. Soper:

COUNTRY WORK.

The average village in the settled portions of the west has more churches than it needs, with present methods. More banks in a village than are needed tend to weaken its commercial enterprises. The average Minnesota village can support as many churches, schools and banks as are needed. More churches than are needed leads to a weakening of the church in the eyes of its own members and in the confidence of those whom it desires to win. There is great need, not only of zeal and consecration and self-sacrifice, but of more sanctified common sense in the organization of the Christian forces in the villiage.

The country districts round about are destitute of systematic religious teaching and inspiration, in the English tongue, Not even the good old custom of reading the Bible during the opening exercises of the district school is permitted in most instances. This is in striking contrast with the early New England country life from which we boast that so many of our foremost educators, merchant princes, statesmen and clergymen owe their birth and start in life. Minneesota is still young. Our foremost men and women in every walk of life have come to us from the older States. When emigration and immigration both stop and we are thrown back upon our own resources, then will come the test of our godless school system and religious destitution in the country.

Over against this pathetic picture of church life in the villages, I want to place another picture that is more than pathetic, it is even tragic. The number of surplus ministers in the United States who are clamoring for positions small and great. The hurried and undignified crowding in and crowding out process now going on is degrading to the most sacred of all callings.

It may be that this "pathetic appeal" from the religious destitution of the country, this waste of religious energy in the village and this surplus of ministers everywhere may be all traced to a common cause, lack of proper organization. Our cumbersome but inadequate machinery needs readjustment. We need to come back in our spirit and methods to the simple but complete New Testament plan of doing church work.

Every natural center of population should become a strategic center of regular and systematic religious teaching, inspiration and service. Over each central church with its branches at every available point in the hamlets and country districts round about, should be placed the strongest available man to be found, with enough young ministers and assistants, male and female, to work the whole region. From this center and with competent helpers, a man would be a true New Testament bishop. This plan would draw into the country men who now naturally look to the city for an outlet to their capabilities. It would offer a position with reasonable salary, unlimited scope for executive ability, and outlet for the most masterly mental and spiritual qualities. Men who are capable of filling successfully the largest city churches would feel themselves honored by appointment or election to such a position.

Whole sections of country with a parish larger in its family constituency than the largest of city churches could be thus organized at a hundred different points in the Northwest. Into a plan of home evangelism like this the Home Missionary Society could afford to put money generously. The results would be so satisfactory that new interest would be awakened in home missionary work and larger gifts would begin to flow into its depleted treasury. Other denominations would be compelled, in self defence, to join with us or else adopt similar plans, either one of which would tend to hasten the coming New Testament church and the Kingdom of Heaven.

I have been frequently assured by ministers and laymen in our own and other States that a plan similar to that now in operation at Alexandria ought to be started in their community.

The chances of success in many towns in the southern part of the State, such as Winona, Austin, Owatonna, Faribault, Rochester, Northfield and many others, would be much greater than at Alexandria because the surrounding country is much more thickly inhabited.

But it is not necessary to have a large central church to work this plan, but simply an efficient man at the head with co-operating forces sufficient in number and strength.

Prof. A. H. Pearson followed with remarks upon the same subject.

Rev. J. H. Albert spoke on "The Church as an Organism."

The work of the American Missionary Association was presented by Rev. J. E. Roy.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The following delegates were chosen to the International Council; Pres. J. W. Strong, Rev. J. F. Taintor, Dea. D. C. Bell, Hon. Lyndon A. Smith. Alternates; Rev. J. H. Chandler, Rev. J. H. Albert, Dean Horace Goodhue, Dea. F. W. Anderson.

The committee reported in favor of Fergus Falls as place of next meeting with Rev. Alexander McGregor as preacher and Rev. S. J. Rogers, alternate. The report was adopted.

The Committee of Arrangements was made to consist of Rev. C. M. G. Harwood, W. S. MacMahon, Rev. H. B. Hendley.

The Woman's Board of Missions for the Interior occupied an hour.

The Foreign Missionary Committee through Rev. H. A. Cotton reported the following

MISSIONARY SUGGESTIONS.

1. That the foreign missionary State committee be continued and be composed of the chairman of the foreign missionary committees in local conferences.

2. That the business committee of each local conference give an hour or more into the hands of its committee on foreign missions.

3. That the churches be notified to send in requests for missionary rallies.

4. That each church be urged to get interested in some individual worker on the missionary field.

5. That the churches as churches take an offering for this cause regardless of the offerings by the women, Sunday schools or Endeavor societies.

6, That each church set apart one Sunday each year for this cause and make a canvass for pledges.

We rejoice to report an increase of eight contributing churches in the past year.

Rev. A. N. Hitchcock spoke on "Ruin and Rescue."

Pres. J. W. Strong made an address on "Echoes from the National Council."

The Children's Aid Society was represented by Rev. Jackson.

Rev. John Faville of Appleton, Wis., spoke on "Men and the Church," followed by Rev. Henry Faville.

It was voted to instruct the Business Committee to leave at least two hours, at the next meeting, for the Minnesota Home Missionary Society; also to give the Ministerial Relief Society more time.

Fifty dollars were appropriated to the Northwestern Congregationalist for special edition containing a record of this meeting.

Prof. Pearson read a communication from the Secretary of the Ministerial Relief Society, and each church in the Association was asked to contribute to this fund during the year.

CARLETON COLLEGE.

On behalf of the Committee Rev. A McGregor made a verbal report on Carleton College. Pres. J. W. Strong presented his annual report.

REV. ROBERT MCCUNE.

THURSDAY EVENING.

The closing session of the Association was held in the Baptist Church.

A special collection for the Ministerial Aid Society was taken.

Rev. D. N. Beach spoke on "The Unification of Temperance Forces" and Pres. Cyrus Northrup on "A Time for War and a Time for Peace."

After parting words by the pastor of the church and response by the Moderator the Association closed with the benediction.

R. S. CROSS,
Moderator.

W. A. WARREN,
Scribe.

S. W. DICKINSON,
Secretary.

Minnesota Home Missionary Society.

President—1878-1899.....PRES. JAMES W. STRONG, Northfield.
Treasurer—1886-1899.....REV. J. H. MORLEY, Minneapolis.
Auditor—1898.....DR. BREWER MATTOCKS, Faribault.

DIRECTORS.

W. H. LAIRD,	Term expires, 1899.
REV. GEO. E. SOPER,	Term expires, 1899.
C. W. HACKETT,	Term expires, 1900.
F. H CARLTON,	Term expires, 1900.
REV. D. N. BEACH,	Term expires, 1901.
L. E. JEPSON,	Term expires, 1901.
REV. F. A. SUMNER,	Term expires, 1901.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

—OF THE—

MINNESOTA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

[PRINTED IN PLACE OF THE CONSTITUTION.]

For the purpose of organizing a corporation under and according to the provisions of Title three (3) of Chapter thirty-four (34) of the General Statutes of the State of Minnesota of 1894, and the acts amendatory thereof; we, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves and become incorporated by

these articles of agreement in writing, under the name herein assumed by us for the purpose of establishing and conducting a Missionary Society, and do hereby constitute ourselves, our associates, successors and assigns a body corporate under said name and do hereby adopt and sign the following articles:

ART. 1. The name of this Corporation shall be the "Minnesota Congregational Home Missionary Society."

ART. 2. The general purpose of this Society shall be, of itself, and in cooperation with the Congregational Home Missionary Society to diffuse the Gospel; by aiding weak congregations within the State of Minnesota in the support of the ministry, by organizing churches wherever they are needed, by supplying communities destitute of preaching, and by doing the work of Christianization within the State of Minnesota, and other States and Territories and doing a general missionary work.

ART. 3. The principal place of transacting the business of said corporation shall be in the City of Minneapolis, in the County of Hennepin and State of Minnesota.

ART. 4. The government of said corporation and the management of its affairs shall be vested in a board of seven directors who shall be selected in the manner hereinafter provided.

ART. 5. The corporation shall consist of Congregational and Union Churches in Minnesota contributing not less than one dollar annually to the treasury of the Society. which shall be represented in the meetings of the Society by the pastor and one delegate each and of such other persons as shall be constituted members for life by the payment by themselves or by others for them of twenty-five dollars at any time to the funds of the Society.

The delegate from each church shall be elected annually by the members thereof at any prayer meeting or at any other regular stated assembling thereof.

ART. 6. The annual meeting of this Society shall be held in connection with the annual meeting of the General Congregational Association of Minnesota.

ART. 7. This Society shall have no capital stock.

ART. 8. The officers of this Society shall be a President, a Vice President, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a Superintendent, a Board of Directors and an Advisory Committee of three persons from each local conference or association of churches, all of whom shall be ex-officio members of the Society.

The President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor shall be chosen by ballot and shall serve for three years.

The Advisory Committees shall be chosen annually by the local conference or association, and shall advise the Board of Directors in reference to each application for aid from their respective districts.

The Board of Directors shall consist of seven persons, to be chosen for three years after the first election, and is to be divided into two classes of two each, and one class of three, so that the term of office of one class shall expire each year. They shall choose one of their number as Chairman and another as Secretary; shall hold meetings regular and special at such time and place as they may direct; together with the chairman of the conference committees, shall nominate in case of vacancy, the superintendent to the Parent Society; which is to appoint and pay him; shall consider the apportionment of men and women and recommend concerning the same to the Congregational Home Missionary Society which is to appoint and pay the missionaries; shall make an annual report to the Society, and in their general oversight shall make to the parent Society such suggestions as they may deem wise. The Board shall also fill all vacancies that may occur, either in their own body or in the several Advisory Committees.

They shall be the Trustees of the Society, and as such, shall have power to acquire, hold, convey, manage and dispose of the property real and personal of the Society.

The Treasurer shall receive and hold the property of the Society, take care of and invest the permanent funds; with the Chairman and Secretary of the Board lease or convey by deed, real estate belonging to the Society, when so ordered by the Board, and exhibit at the annual meeting of the Society an audited account of the condition and investment of permanent funds. He shall give bonds to the Board of Directors for an amount not less than $3,000 to be fixed by them. The Treasurer shall receive all money coming into the Society and shall remit the same every month to the parent Society. He shall also make an annual report to the Society, not only of money so transmitted, but of that which is acknowledged by the parent Society as coming directly to the treasury from the State.

The Superintendent, in counsel and co-operation with the Board of Directors and the Advisory Committees, and under the instruction of the parent Society, shall give himself to the work of securing ministers for missionaries, transmitting and endorsing applications for aid, encouraging the beneficiary societies to self-support, organizing churches, preaching the Word in destitute communities and among the aided churches, and increasing the contributions of the State Society. He shall present a written report at the annual meeting of the Society.

The usual quarterly and annual reports of the missionaries to the parent society shall be made in duplicate, and one copy sent to the Superintendent for the information of officers of the Society.

MINUTES.

The annual meeting of the Minnesota Home Missionary Society was called to order Wednesday afternoon, September 21st, at three o'clock, by Pres. J. W. Strong.

Rev. E. F. Wheeler offered prayer.

Rev. G. E. Soper was chosen scribe and Dr. Brewer Mattocks, auditor.

On motion the President appointed Rev. C. B. Moody, D. C. Bell, Rev. F. A. Sumner as Nominating Committee.

The list of delegates was read.

The Nominating Committee reported as Directors for three years Rev. D. N. Beach, Minneapolis; Lowell E. Jepson, Minneapolis; Rev. F. A. Sumner, Little Falls; and for one year, to fill vacancy by removal of Rev. G. R. Merrill, W. H. Laird of Winona.

The report of the Treasurer was referred to the Auditor.

The report of the Superintendent was read.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

REV. JOHN H. MORLEY.

The Board of Directors have met regularly during the year. Vacancies have occured by the resignation of Rev. E. P. Ingersoll, whose place was filled by the election of Rev. C. H. Patton and by the resignation of Rev. G. R. Merrill to fill whose place Mr. W. H. Laird of Winona was elected. Upon the resignation of Rev. C. H. Patton, who had not been present at any meeting of the Board, Rev. F. A. Sumner of Little Falls was elected to fill his place.

MISSIONARIES.

Rev. Robert McCune, commissioned as pastor at Sherburn and Lake Belt August 1st, 1897, died February 18th, 1898. Mr. McCune had been for several years pastor of our church at Worthington. With the true s irit of a missionary he resigned, accepting a call to Sherburn and Lake Belt where the influence of his short pastorate will long rema n. Both churches felt the inspiration of his consecrated ability as preacher and pastor.

There have been employed during the year one hundred and four missionaries of whom one is a German, two Bohemian and ten Scandinavian. The whole number is precisely the same as last year.

NEW MEN.

From other States we have received regularly ordained Congregational clergymen; J. W. Soderstrom for Pillsbury and Swanville, F. L. Meske who was once at New Ulm, for Ortonville, R. A. Hadden who returns to his former church in Minneapolis; W. A. Wilkinson for North Branch and Sunrise; Mark W. Williams for Big Lake; F. H. Bassett, a recent graduate of the Minnesota State University who has had a pastorate in Michigan, for New Brighton; James Earl, formerly a general missionary in this State but more recently from the east, for Granite Falls and Belview; J. Kimball for Aitkin. From self-supporting churches in our own State S. G. Updyke goes to Bethany, Minneapolis; C. W. Duncan to his former church at Dexter while J. A. Stemen of Como Avenue church, Minneapolis, has also supplied Mizpah church. From the Presbyterians we have received Miss May Darling who is not an ordained clergyman, for McIntosh and Mentor; from the Methodists C. G. Oxley an ordained clergyman has taken Granada and Fraser; E. A. Wood, a licentiate, formerly preaching at North Branch and later at Pelican Rapids and afterwards in another denomination at the south has returned to us and is supplying Garvin and Custer. It will be observed that no graduates of this year from our Theological Seminaries have been secured. At the proper time for securing them there were no churches vacant which desired pastors. No men have been engaged from the Moody Institute and but two ministers from other denominations.

LEFT OUR WORK.

Geo. Michael has closed his pastorate of eighteen months at Detroit; J. B. Drew, our pastor at South Park, St. Paul, who also had charge of the missionary work in that city, has removed to Massachusetts; G. H. Rice of Springfield and Selma has removed to Nebraska; J. A. Hoffman from Granada to South Dakota. To self-supporting churches in our own State H. A. Cotton has removed from Graceville, F. J. Brown from Verndale and F. P. Ferguson from Big Lake and Orrock.

STUDENTS.

Carleton College furnished C. H. Maxwell who was the means of reviving our almost extinct church at Walnut Grove and who is succeeded by a permanent pastor also from Carleton College, H. J. Jager; E. G. Toam who did good work in the country church at Lake Stay and in the neighboring district, and J. W. Johnson who preached in English and Swedish at Pillsbury and Swan-

ville. Yale Theological Seminary furnished us Ernest Day for Clearwater and Hasty, and D. G. Colp, who took the Kragnes church which he has served in previous vacations where he has started church building. From Knox College W. R. McClane, formerly of Minneapolis, did effective work at Mayflower chapel. For the most part the students will be succeeded by permanent pastors so that the results of their work will be garnered.

GENERAL MISSIONARIES.

C. B. Fellows has been commissioned as general missionary and evangelist, the design being to employ him in Northern Minnesota, a design not always carried out. For a few months at the close of last year he supplied Granite Falls where our church was nearly extinct and was the means of reviving our church, developing work at Sacred Heart and other points and yoking Granite Falls with Belview, the whole field being nade nearly self-supporting. In several churches in Northern Minnesota he has held evangelistic services and has been otherwise of service in developing our work. At the last annual meeting of our Society it was decided to appoint J. C. Huntington pastor-at-large in Southwestern Minnesota, the Congregational Home Missionary Society and Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society jointly paying his salary and the churches of Western and Mankato Conference paying his traveling expenses. The churches have responded fairly well to the pecuniary demands although there is at present a slight deficit in the amount from the Conferences. Mr. Huntington's work has been of value, especially at Walnut Grove where the church has been revived, at Lake Stay where a minister has been secured for the pastorless church and in different fields where his counsels have been enjoyed. It is hoped that arrangements can be made to continue this work, perhaps enlarging somewhat the field. The results have been of sufficient value to justify its continuance. J. F. Okerstein has been jointly supported by the same societies laboring especially among the Scandinavians but doing good service among some of our English speaking churches. A. G. Nelson has continued his valuable work among the Swedish churches. L. J. Pedersen has been employed for half his time in Northern Minnesota working for the other half in North Dakota. The services of Superintendent E. H. Stickney of North Dakota have been of special benefit in many fields in Northern Minnesota and have been gratuitously rendered so far as the Home Missionary Society is concerned. Special mention should be made of the labors of C. F. Blomquist, our pastor at Fosston, and of W. J. Conard, formerly of Ellsworth but now residing at Park Rapids, both of whom have rendered efficient service in developing new fields in Northern Minnesota and this with slight expense to the Home Missionary Society.

CHURCHES.

One hundred and forty-seven churches with sixty-five out-stations have been under the care of our Society. These numbers include a few churches where services have been interrupted but they do not include several of the weaker self-supporting churches that are practically under the care of the Superintendent. Several of these self-supporting churches have been aided in securing pastors and visited by the Superintendent; indeed it requires more labor to keep a weak church self-supporting than to care for some of the aided churches. In addition to the new men secured for missionary churches several excellent ministers have been secured for self-supporting churches. Other churches are still feeling the stringency through which the State as well as the whole country has been passing. Evidences of recovery are seen in the fact that forty-three churches have been repaired at a cost of $4,797.03 and fifteen parsonages at a cost of $420.65 and that there have been raised for running expenses $3,392.81 and for salaries of pastors $20,121.68. The benevolences of our churches have not yet felt the effect of good times and are lower than last year. $460.77 have been raised among the aided churches for Home Missions while the total benevolence for all objects amount to $1,664.30. Several churches have liquidated embarassing debts. The calls upon the churches for their own work have been so great that the contributions to the Home Missionary Society have not increased. It is to be noted however that contributions have come from nearly every one of our aided churches.

As significant of the spiritual work, thirty-three churches report special evangelistic services and the number of reported conversions is four hundred and six, while the additions to the church membership are three hundred and seventy five of whom two hundred and thirty-five came upon confession of their faith. The number of conversions and additions to churches is considerably smaller than last year. The contributions to Home Missions and benevolence from the aided churches are smaller, but the money raised for debts, repairs on churches and parsonages and ministers' salary and running expenses is much larger.

NEW CHURCHES.

The condition of our finances practically prohibited forming new churches. To organize new churches when we could scarcely care for those in existence did not seem wise. We therefore report the admission of the Swedish Temple, Minneapolis, by council to our fellowship, a church which was informally organized the preceding year; the Thirty-eighth street church, Minneapolis, with thirty members; Perham with sixteen members where our work became extinct a few years ago; Lida Lake, Swedish, with fifteen members. Our Bohemian church at Silver Lake long aided by us has voted to join Anoka Conference.

MEETING HOUSES.

The Second church at Brainerd, now called the People's church, long having only a name to live, always ready to give up its services and even its Sunday school, was greatly revived last year, and this year under its pastor Rev. M. B. Bird is building a church costing $1,400 upon a lot costing $275. Kragness planning for two or three years to build but unable to raise the money is this year erecting a church to cost $1,000. Garvin, organized a few years ago with only eight members, last vear renewed its life and erected a parsonage and this year is to build a church costing $1,500. This makes the future of the Garnin field certain. The Thirty-eighth Street church, Minneapolis, has come to us with a chapel costing $800, standing on leased ground. As soon as the way opens it hopes to purchase a lot, move and enlarge its building. Bradford, a branch of the Spencer Brook Swedish church, has erected and dedicated a building costing $800. The Mayflower church, incorporated but not yet recognized by council, secures this year with the help of the Church Building Society a neat chapel costing with lot $800. Lake City, Swedish, has rebuilt and enlarged its chapel. Cornish has raised a subscription of $340 but has not yet commenced building. The Correll church, noticed in the report last year, costing $1,000 has been completed and dedicated.

PARSONAGES.

Walker, organized two years ago, last year erected its church building and this year has secured a parsonage costing $600, the lot being worth $300. New Richland is erecting a fine parsonage costing $1,250, with lot costing $100. Glenwood has lots for a parsonage but has not yet let the contract for the building. New Brighton hopes to secure a parsonage at a cost including lot of $900. Lake City, Swedish, if it receives aid from the Church Building Society will secure a parsonage costing with lot $1,500. It will be observed that a good number of parsonages and church buildings have been secured, we have few churches in the State without houses of worship. When new churches are organized the list of new meeting-houses will be larger.

SELF-SUPPORT.

We believe that Ortonville will make no further application to the Society. The church has spent $1,600 in enlarging and repairing its church, putting a stone foundation under the whole and fitting up the basement for Sunday school purposes and church parlors, a non-resident friend of the church contributing $250 towards the expense. This strain upon the church justifies

their assistance this year by the Home Missionary Society. After this year it is believed that the church has reached assured self-support. The self-supporting church at Monticello has been aided for three years but in the future will be independent of the Society. The same is true of the Mazeppa and Zumbro Falls churches which during the last six months of the pastorate of J. E. Ingham have not received aid. Our little church at Freeborn where Wilbur Fisk has for twenty-three years been pastor, of its own accord voted to pay one-half of the pastor's salary, allowing him to supply other churches for one-half the time so releasing the Home Missionary money. Our church at Robbinsdale employs a pastor for the morning service, allowing him to preach elsewhere in the evening and thus goes without Home Missionary aid. Much of the credit for this arrangement belongs to the retiring pastor, S. J. Rogers. There is a possibility that Mizpah church, Minneapolis, will be thus yoked with Robbinsdale, the whole field being self-supporting. It is uncertain whether each church in this list has reached permanent self-support but honorable mention should be given to churches and ministers who relieve the Society for one or more years.

PROGRESS IN SPECIAL FIELDS.

For a long time our church at North Branch has been weel. The needless formation of a church of another denomination in a small town endangered the very existence of our church. The Conference Committee declined to recommend an appropriation for a pastor in the circumstances but upon conference with the Superintendent were willing to give the church one more trial. With the coming of W. A. Wilkinson, the church manifested new life, remodeled its building putting a stone foundation under it with prospect of enlarging the edifice next season, repaired the parsonage, pays the minister's salary promptly, will hold evangelistic services early in November and with its yokefellow, Sunrise, gives promise of a useful life.

Granite Falls has long been a problem. Some of our own members were inclined to give up the church. Granite Falls is the county seat of Yellow Medicine county. Our church was the first organized in the place, has also been supplied with good pastors and there seemed to be no reason why we should yield our place to other and weaker churches which were formed, some of them, long after ours had been doing useful work. The raising of a sufficient subscription to provide for a salary of a pastor with a suitable appropriation from the Home Missionary Society seemed an impossibility. In the circumstances we put our general missionary upon the field for several weeks and finally by yoking the church with Belview, the pastor taking a drive every Sunday of about twenty-five miles, are able to pay a good salary with a small Home Missionary appropriation. The pastor also does work at other points in the vicinity. No field could be more discouraged than Granite Falls a year ago and no field is now more hopeful.

A word might be said of fields like Lake Stay, a country church, never having a resident pastor, where we hope to place a minister who shall give the church a service every Sunday, preaching also at school houses in the vicinity, and this with little aid from the Home Missionary Society; of Walnut Grove, almost extinct but revived with increasing prosperity in the town and now having a resident pastor and giving promise of growth, dissappointing another denomination which was waiting to administer upon its estate; of Benson, where J. L. Nott has done work at De Graff, a community without English speaking services, preaching also at another point in the neighborhood, thus making his church a center of spiritual life to the surrounding community; of Winona Second church which has bravely taken hold of its work assisted by the First church and is planning under the pastor, H. H. Stutson, to fit up its basement and open a reading room. In other communities like progress has been made and many of our churches with returning financial prosperity are preparing to take long strides forward.

NEW WORK.

It has seemed impossible to care for any new work and yet the tide of immigration into Northern Minnesota, the projection of new lines of railway and the great mineral, agricultural and timber resources of that Section of the State giving promise of untold development, make it suicidal for the denomination to refuse to enter the opening fields. We have not organized new churches but chiefly by the labors of home missionaries for the most part without additional appropriation from the Society have cared for several points along the lines of new railroads where church organization will follow during the coming year. The Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society has co-operated with us in looking up and supporting this work which will soon justify its commencement even in the present financial straits of the Home Missionary Society.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

The contributions from the churches in the country have been good and there is a promise of increase during the year. The Superintendent and Board of Directors made a schedule last year asking each church to give a stated sum. That this schedule was always fairly made no one attempts at assert. It was made with view of the conditions in each church; not of what the church ought to do but of what it was believed the church would do. Many of them have actually given the amount while some have not been equal to their promise. Others hesitated to promise any definite sum. The churches understand that this is not an attempt on the part of the Home Missionary

Society to dictate the amount of their contributions but is rather an honest endeavor with which we believe that all our churches will sympathize to lift the contributions in Minnesota to Home Missions to the old standard. For years the Home Missionary Society has poured a steady stream of money into Minnesota. It therefore has a claim upon Minnesota which no other society has and we believe that our churches will kindly receive the suggestions in the coming year from the Board of Directors designed to increase Home Missionary gifts.

H. W. Page of Northfield read the report of the Committee on Revision of the constitution as follows:

"For several years it has been the wish of some persons to have the Minnesota Home Missionary Society incorporated under the laws of this State in order that legacies made to it may be legally collected and held.

For this purpose the Board of Directors has prepared articles of incorporation which embody the present constitution, with a few verbal changes made in the interest of clearness. In view of this fact it seems unnecessary for this committee to suggest any revision of the constitution. We recommend that the articles of incorporation, prepared by the Board of Directors, be printed with the Minutes of this annual meeting where the constitution of the Society is usually printed; that criticisms and suggestions of further change; if any, be made in writing by any one sent to the Secretary of the Board of Directors within three months after the publication of the same.

That the Board of Directors consider these suggestions, make any changes which may then appear desirable and report these articles of incorporation as amended, to the Society for its action thereon at the next annual meeting.

The report was adopted and referred, together with the articles of incorporation prepared by the Board of Directors, to the Printing Committee.

Moved and carried that the Secretary complete the Minutes, see that they are brought before the Board of Directors and then referred to the Printing Committee. The articles of incorporation to be printed in these Minutes in place of the constitution.

After prayer by Rev. J. C. Huntington the meeting adjourned.

J. W. STRONG,
President.

G. E. SOPER,
Scribe.

FRANCES C. GAGE.

MARGARET J. EVANS, L. H. D.

MINNESOTA BRANCH

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Womans Board of Missions

of the Interior.

OFFICERS, APRIL 1898–99.

President—Miss Margaret J. Evans, Northfield.

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CHILDREN'S WORK AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—Miss Carrie Pond, 608 Canada St., St. Paul.

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WESTERN—Mrs. Harrington, Marshall.
WINONA—Mrs. I. C. Brewer, St. Charles.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

PROGRAM—Chairman; Mrs. W. H. Laird, Winona.
NOMINATIONS—Chairman; Mrs. S. V. S. Fisher, 2131 E. Lake St., Minneapolis.

MINUTES.

The twenty-first annual meeting of the Minnesota Branch of the Womans Board of Missions of the Interior was held in the First Congregational Church, Winona, April 13, 14 and 15, 1898.

The first session was held Wednesday evening, following a most delightful reception given to the delegates by the ladies of the church.

The addresses by the Misses Wyckoff describing their ten years of labor in China at the station Pong Chuang was inspiring and at the close they sang two verses of the hymn, "He Leadeth Me."

One of the most interesting papers presented Thursday morning was that of Mrs. Crosby of Minneapolis, bringing

out the thought that our best gifts and strength should be given to Christ and not devoted to selfish ends.

The financial outlook was presented by the Treasurer. Cash received the past year, $5,349.06, $129 dollars less than last year. In the discussion that followed the suggestion was made that if each of the ten thousand members of our churches contributed on an average fifty-three cents, we should more than meet our apportionment.

Thursday afternoon Miss Stewart gave an instructive description of her work in Japan.

An entertainment exercise was given by the children conducted by Mrs. Abbott and Miss Pond.

Thursday evening Miss Hanneman of Minneapolis, presented the work of Miss Moulton at Abmednagar and the hope was expressed that the women throughout the State would be brought nearer her and her work.

The Misses Wykoff depicted the life of the women in China, and contrasted their condition with that of the women in America.

Friday morning, after greetings from Dr. Beach of Minneapolis, Mrs. Addie Bixby Upham of St. Paul, in a most comprehensive and clearly defined paper, brought to our attention our work in Bombay from its beginning.

Sectional meetings always helpful closed this session.

Friday afternoon Mrs. Tupper of St. Paul, by the use of charts and maps gave an interesting report of the educational work that Miss Hartwell is engaged in at Foochow, China.

Mrs. Merrill of Minneapolis followed with an inspirational paper.

The closing hour Miss Helen Staples of Winona spoke in behalf of the Endeavorers of the First church, how they had adopted Miss Gage and her work at Marsovan, and in choice and beautiful thoughts assured us of the earnest effort they stood ready to make for the maintenance of that work.

Committee on Place reported a very cordial invitation to meet at Waseca next year in April, and the invitation was accepted with grateful appreciation.

WORK RECOMMENDED.

JAPAN.

Kobe.—Miss Barrows	$575.00	
Miss Brown	575.00	
Miss Stewart	575.00	
Medical attendance	150.00	$1,875.00

CHINA.

Foochow—Miss Hartwell	$500.00	
Peking—Bible Reader	50.00	550.00

INDIA.

Marathi—Miss Abbott, salary	$660.00	
" " allowance	440.00	
Bible Readers	56.00	1,156.00

TURKEY.

Marsovan—Miss Gage	$286.00	
Cesarea—Miss Nason (in part)	200.00	
Zeitoon—Bible Reader	25.34	511.34
YOUNG LADIES SOCIETIES—Bridge		500.00
Y. P. S. C. E.—INDIA—Ahmednagar—Miss Moulton, salary $480; pundit, $79.20; allowance, $233.60; traveling and busines $11.55		804.35
CHILDRENS WORK		650.00
GENERAL FUND		953.31
TOTAL		$7,000.00

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts for year ending September 9th, 1898.

Received from Auxiliaries	$3,437.29
" " Young Ladies	201.81
" " C. E. Societies	714.89
" " J. C. E. and Mission Bands	142.08
" " Sunday Schools	277.58
Total	$4,774.35

MRS. J. F. JACKSON,
Treasurer.

139 East University Ave.,
St. Paul.

Minnesota

Womans Home Missionary Union.

1898.

OFFICERS 1898–99.

President—Miss Catherine W. Nichols, 230 E. 9th St., St. Paul.

Vice-Presidents—Mrs. G. E. Soper, St. Paul; Mrs. J. F. Taintor, Rochester.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. E. R. Shepard, 2931 Portland Ave., Minneapolis.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. W. M. Bristoll, 2828 Chicago Ave., Minneapolis.

Treasurer—Mrs. M. W. Skinner, Northfield.

Assistant Treasurer—Mrs. A. W. Norton, Northfield.

Auditor—Mrs. Horace Goodhue, Northfield.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Union was held in Owatonna on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 20th and 21st, 1898.

The first meeting was called to order at 3:00 P. M., Tuesday by the President, Miss Catherine W. Nichols, and was begun by devotional exercises which she led.

Miss Lucia E. Danforth of Northfield was appointed Recording Secretary, pro tem. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The report of the Executive Committee was read by Mrs. Horace Goodhue.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. R. Shepard, was read by Mrs. S. V. S. Fisher and accepted.

The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. M. W. Skinner, was read by Mrs. A. W. Norton, Assistant Treasurer, but action deferred until next day. Receipts for the year were $3,832.49.

Mrs. J. V. Lewis read Miss Bertha Hanneman's report of the work of the Y. P. S. C. E. Societies.

Miss Carrie S. Pond reported the children's work.

Mrs. J. V. Lewis reported for Bureau of Exchange and Programs.

The chair appointed as Committee on Nominations for next year, Mrs J. F. Taintor, Rochester; Mrs. J. H. Dinsmore, 164 W. Broadway, Winona; Mrs. C. A. Hubbard, Lake City.

Committee on Plan of Work, Mrs. S. V. S. Fisher, Minneapolis; Mrs. H. G. Webster, Minneapolis and Mrs. G. E. Soper, St. Paul.

On Wednesday, Mrs. G. E. Soper led the devotional exercises.

The report of Mrs. E. G. Chapman for the Committee on Windom Institute, was read, supplementing the report of the Treasurer, and showing the receipts of the past year for Windom Institute to be $429.40. As the amount pledged to Windom Institute was not quite complete, it was voted to ask Mrs. Chapman to secure the amount by October first.

The Treasurer's report was then accepted.

Mrs. S. V. S. Fisher read the report of the Committee on plan of Work. After much discussion it was accepted with the understanding that a new scheme of apportionment should be made according to the size and strength of churches.

A letter was read from Miss Emerson in behalf of the work of the A. M. A.

Our President presented the plea of Rev. H. A. Schauffler for the Bethlehem Bible Reader's School at Cleveland, Ohio. Literature was distributed and the Auxiliaries agreed to give this school a part of their contributions.

A paper written by Mrs. A. H. Tebbets, Morris, was read on the subject "Can the Directors do the work of the Field Secretary?" A full discussion followed, developing the desire to have a definite schedule of duties of Directors.

Voted; That in each conference the Chairman of Directors apportion the work among the Directors and that the Directors have power to choose a fourth member who shall have charge of all branches of the Young People's Work.

The report of Committee on Nominations was read and adopted and the Secretary instructed to cast the ballot for the officers therein named.

Voted; That a copy of the Northwestern Congregationalist containing report be sent to all Directors.

At our hour with Association, Miss Mary A. Bye told of her work at Fisk University and Mrs. C. H. Taintor made a plea for more help for the Church Building Society, especially emphasising the need of parsonages.

Mrs. Skinner gave a summary of Treasurer's report and Mrs. J. E. McConnell of Northfield, sang a solo in a most delightful manner.

LUCIA E. DANFORTH,
Recording Secretary, pro tem.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

(September 15th, 1898.)

Minnesota Womans Home Missionary Union,

In account with,

MRS. M. W. SKINNER, Treasurer.

To Amt. Paid	C. H. M. S.	$1,860.17	By amount received from all sources during year ending Sept. 14th, 1898, $3,832.49	
" " "	A. M. A. -	690.92		
" " "	C. B. S.,	745.99		
" " "	Congl. Ed. Soc.,	222.39		
" " "	S. S. Pub. Soc.,	183.72		
" " "	Expense,	109.30		
		$3,822.49		$3,832.49

I have examined the above account, compared it with vouchers, and found it correct.

MRS. HORACE GOODHUE,
Auditor.

Ministerial Relief Society.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Minneapolis, Minn., September 13th, 1898.

1897		RECEIPTS.		
Sept. 16.	Cash on hand last report,			$142.56
Oct. 5.	From collection State Association, Montevideo,		$26.80	
Nov. 6.	From church at Marshall,		4.00	
Dec. 13.	" " " Northfield,		14.90	
1898				
Jan. 6.	" " " Faribault,		11.00	
" 18.	" " " Duluth, Pilgrim,		12.94	
Mar. 26.	" " " Zumbrota,		6.25	
" 26.	" " " Rochester,		9.77	
" 26.	" " " Crookston,		1.83	
" 30.	" " " Morris,		8.59	
" 31.	" " " Minneapolis, Plymouth,		50.00	
Apr. 23.	" " " Dodge Centre,		3.00	
" 23.	" " " Owatonna,		6.01	
" 23.	" collection Good Friday Communion Service at Free Baptist church, Minneapolis,		8.56	
May 27.	From collection at annual meeting of Owatonna, Conference, at Faribault,		6.15	
" 27.	From church at Claremont,		1.00	
" 27.	" collection at Anoka Conference,		9.89	
June 8.	" " " Duluth "		5.21	
" 8.	" " " Plymouth Church, Minneapolis,		15.79	
" 30.	" " " N. P. Conference, Staples,		7.88	
" 30.	" " " Minnesota Valley Conference,		2.51	
Aug. 24.	" " " Plymouth Church, Minneapolis,		6.70	
	Tota contributions,		219.78	
	Interest,		3.48	
	Income from rents on house and store,		277.40	
	Total income,		$440.66	440.66
				$593.22

DISBURSEMENTS.

1897			
Oct 11.	Paid on orders for Ministerial Relief, -	$ 26.80	
1898			
July 11.	" " " " " " -	25.00	
1897			
Oct. 13.	" " mortgage, - - -	100.00	
" 13.	" " interest on mortgage, - -	17.50	
1898			
May 31.	" " tax, - - - -	61.73	
" 31.	" for repairs - - - -	37.70	
	Total disbursements, - - -	267.73	
	Balance in Hennepin County Savings Bank, - -	$325.49	$593.22
	Estimated equity in property, - -	$1,700.00	
	Cash on hand, - - - -	325.49	
		$2,025.49	

Audited and found correct,

DAVID P. JONES,
Auditor.

G. A. WHEATON,
Treasurer.

Constitution and Rules

—OF THE—

General Congregational Association

of Minnesota.

CONSTITUTION.

NAME.

ARTICLE 1.—This Association shall be called the "GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA."

OBJECT.

ART. 2.—No ecclesiastical power or authority shall be assumed by this Association or delegated thereto; but its object shall be to promote fellowship and co-operation among the Congregational Churches in Minnesota.

STATEMENT OF DOCTRINE.

ART. 3.—I. We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and all things visible and invisible.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who is of one substance with the Father by whom all things are made.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who is sent from the Father and Son, and who, together with the Father and Son is worshipped and glorified.

II. We believe that the providence of God, by which he executes His eternal purposes in the government of the world, is in and over all events; yet so that the freedom and responsibility of man are not impaired, and sin is the act of the creature alone.

III. We believe that man was made in the image of God, that he might know, love and obey God, and enjoy him forever; that our first parents, by their disobedience fell under the righteous condemnation of God, and that all men are so alienated from God that there is no salvation from the guilt and power of sin except through God's redeeming grace.

IV. We believe that God would have all men return to him; that to this end He has made himself known, not only through the works of nature, the course of His providence, and consciences of men, but also through supernatural revelations made especially to a chosen people, and above all, when the fullness of time was come through Jesus Christ His Son.

V. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the record of God's revelation of Himself in the work of redemption, that they were written by men under special guidance of the Holy Spirit; that they are able to make wise unto salvation, and that they constitute the authoritative standard by which religious teachings and human conduct are to be regulated and judged.

VI. We believe that the love of God to sinful men has found its highest expression in the redemptive work of His Son; who became man, uniting His divine nature with our human nature in one person; who was tempted like other men yet without sin, who by His humiliation, His holy obedience, His sufferings, His death on the cross and His resurrection, became a perfect Redeemer; whose sacrifice of Himself for the sins of the world declares the righteousness of God, and is the sole and sufficient ground of forgiveness and of reconciliation with Him.

VII. We believe that Jesus Christ, after He had risen from the dead, ascended into Heaven, where, as the one mediator between God and man, He carries forward His work of saving men; that he sends the Holy Spirit to convict them of sin, and to lead them to repentance and faith; and that those who, through renewing grace, turn to righteousness and trust to Jesus Christ as their Redeemer, receive for his sake the forgiveness of their sins, and are made the children of God.

VIII. We believe that those who are thus regenerated and justified, grow in sanctified character through fellowship with Christ, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and obedience to the truth; that a holy life is the fruit and evi-

dence of faith; and that the believer's hope of continuance in such a life is in the preserving grace of God.

IX. We believe that Jesus Christ came to establish among men the kingdom of God, the reign of truth and love, righteousness and peace; that to Jesus Christ, the head of His Kingdom, Christians are directly responsible in faith and conduct; and that to him all have immediate access without mediatorial or priestly intervention.

X. We believe that the Church of Christ, invisible and spiritual, comprises all true believers, whose duty it is to associate themselves in churches for the maintenance of worship, for the promotion of spiritual growth and fellowship, and for the conversion of men; that these churches under the guidance of the Holy Scriptures and in fellowship with one another may determine—each for itself—their organization, statements of belief, and forms of worship; may appoint and set apart their own ministers, and should co-operate in the work which Christ has committed to them for the furtherance of the gospel throughout the world.

XI. We believe in the observance of the Lord's day, as a day of holy rest and worship; in the ministry of the word; and in the two sacraments which Christ has appointed for his church; Baptism to be administered to believers and their children, as the sign of cleansing from sin, of union to Christ and of the impartation of the Holy Spirit; and the Lord's Supper, as a symbol of His atoning death, a seal of its efficacy, and means whereby he confirms and strengthens the spiritual union and communion of believers with himself.

XII. We believe in the ultimate prevelance of the kingdom of Christ over all the earth; in the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; in the resurrection of the dead; and in a final judgment, the issues of which are everlasting punishment and everlasting life.

ART. 4.—I. Any minister who is a member—made such by vote—of a Congregational conference in this State, of the Evangelical character of which the General Association is satisfied, shall be entitled to a seat in this body; also two delegates from each church connected with such conference, any church being entitled to an additional delegate for each fifty of its resident members after the first hundred, conference registrars, officers of the Association, members of its standing committees, the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Minnesota Womans Home Missionary Society, and of the Minnesota Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Interior.

II. Other ministers or laymen present at any meeting, whose names are proposed by the Nominating Committee, may be honorary members with all the privileges of membership except that of voting.

OFFICERS.

ART. 5.—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, who shall be elected at the closing session of the annual meeting to serve one year; a Scribe, elected annually by ballot; and Assistant Scribe, and Auditor, chosen annually *viva voce*, and a Secretary, elected triennially by ballot, who shall have charge of the records, correspondence and statistics, and shall also be Treasurer. They shall hold offices until their successors are chosen.

COMMITTEES.

ART. 6.—I. The standing committees of this Association to be chosen annually, shall be a Business Committee, a Committee of Arrangements, a Committee on Finance and Printing, and a Sunday School Committee, of three members each, and a Committee to visit Carleton College, to include the Moderator of the State Association and one representative from each conference, a Committee on Systematic Beneficence, of one member from each conference, and a Committee of three on Temperance. The Business Committee shall always have one member who has served upon said committee within the last two years. The minister of the church to which the annual meeting is appointed shall be a member of the Committee of Arrangements.

II. For each annual meeting there shall be a Nominating Committee, a Committee on Place and Preacher, and a Committee on Resolutions, of three members each.

TIME OF MEETING.

ART. 7.—I. The annual meeting of this Association shall begin on the third Tuesday in September, and close on the following Friday.

II. Should an exigency arise requiring an extra meeting of this body, or a change from the appointed time and place, such appointment or change may be made by the Moderator, Secretary, Chairman of the Business Committee, and Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, or by three of these upon giving adequate notice.

AMENDMENTS AND RULES.

ART. 8.—I. This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, notice of such amendment having been given at the previous meeting.

II. Any rule of the Association may be suspended temporarily by a two-thirds vote. A motion to alter, establish or strike out any rule shall be read on two days and may be discussed at each reading. At the first reading the question shall be: *Shall it be read a second time?*

RULES.

1. At the annual meeting the Moderator or Assistant Moderator, or in their absence the Secretary, or the minister of the church with which the meeting is held, shall preside until permanent officers are elected. The first session shall be opened with a sermon by the minister or alternate appointed by the Association, if he shall be present, otherwise by a minister appointed by the Business Committee.

2. After the opening sermon at the annual meeting, the Secretary and Scribe shall collect the names of members, together with the names of the church each delegate represents, and that of the conference to which each minister belongs. Upon the following morning the roll shall be read, and the organization completed.

3. The Minutes of the preceding day shall be read each morning for correction, and the corrected Minutes shall be read before the close of meeting for approval.

4. Every motion, when it is requested, shall be reduced to writing, and every written motion, when seconded, shall be passed to the Scribe, who shall likewise receive all reports presented to this body, and all papers which it shall adopt.

5. In debate, no one shall speak upon the same question more than twice or longer than ten minutes, except by vote of the body.

6. The Secretary and Scribe of this body, and the Registrar of any conference shall be a committee on credentials for members within the bounds of said conference.

7. The Secretary shall collect through the Registrars the statistics from the conferences and churches, and shall publish and distribute the minutes of this body, and for his services may receive one hundred dollars.

8. The Treasurer shall collect through the Registrars the funds due this body from the conferences, according to the apportionment made by the Committee on Finance.

9. The Business Committee shall prepare the programme for the annual meeting and shall publish the same at least three weeks before the time appointed for said meeting. They shall also prepare the order of business for each session, designating the time when reports of officers, and of the committees provided for in the Constitution, and of the President of Carleton College shall be received. They shall provide in the programme for at least one devotional meeting of an hour's duration at a time in the day favorable for a general attendance. New business shall be introduced only by the Business Committee, except upon vote of the Association.

10. The Nominating Committee shall nominate officers and committees not otherwise provided for, and shall propose the names of honorary members.

11. The Committee of Arrangements shall make general arrangements for the annual meeting and shall appoint preachers or leaders for all religious services except the opening sermon.

12. The Committee on Finance shall approve all bills to be paid by the Treasurer, and shall estimate the expenses of this body for the ensuing year and apportion the same among the conferences, such apportionment to be published in the Minutes.

13. The annual reports from the churches in each conference shall be presented in writing by its Registrar, or such person as it shall appoint.

14. Any member of this Association if present at the meeting of any corresponding body, shall be authorized to represent the Association therein. For his certificate this rule will be sufficient, and he may report to this body at its next annual meeting.

15. At the meeting of this body next previous to the meeting of the National Council, delegates at large and alternates, half of each to be laymen, shall be chosen to represent the Congregational churches of the State at National Council.

Ordinations, Installations, Death.

1898.

Frank A. Brown, ordained October 6th, 1897,	Walker.
Henry H. Stutson, ordained, October 12th, 1897,	Winona.
C. F. Blomquist, ordained March 20th, 1898,	Fosston.
William G. Ramsey, ordained July 13, 1898,	St. Charles.
Paul A. Johnson, ordained August 30, 1898,	Montevideo.
Edward F. Wheeler, installed October 26th, 1898.	Austin.
Harry B. Hendley, ordained October 28th, 1898.	Minneapolis.
Frank P. Ferguson, ordained February 14th, 1899,	Alexandria.

DEATH.

Rev. Robert McCune, February 17th, aged 72,	Sherburne.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

	YEAR.	PLACE.	MODERATOR.	PREACHER AND TEXT.
1	56	St. Anthony..	Rev. Sherman Hall.....	Rev. W. R. Stevens, John 1:4.
2	57	Prescott, Wis.	Rev. L. Armsby.....	Rev. C. B. Sheldon, 2 Cor. 4-7.
3	58	Faribault.....	Rev. D. Andrews.....	Rev. Richard Hall, Rev. 11:15.
4	59	Winona.....	Rev. C. Seccombe.....	Rev. L. Armsby, Rev. 3:8
5	60	St. Paul.....	Rev. D. Burt.....	Rev. D. Andrews, Isa. 55:10, 11.
6	61	Anoka.....	Rev. O. Thomas.....	Rev. A. S. Fisk. Phil. 4:6.
7	62	Northfield.....	Rev. Chas. Shedd.....	Rev. Chas. Shedd, 2 Thes. 2:18.
8	63	Lake City.....	Rev. W. R. Stevens.....	Rev. J. W. Millen, John 17:20, 21.
9	64	Rochester.....	Bro. C. M. Goodsell.....	Rev. C. Seccombe, Prov. 14:10.
10	65	Minneapolis..	Bro. R. G. Lincoln.....	Rev. D. Burt, Eph. 2:1.
11	66	Faribault.....	Bro. W. G. Copp.....	Rev. A. B. Smith, Matt. 33-8.
12	67	St. Cloud.....	Pres. J. W. Strong, D. D.	Rev. B. J. Hart, Luke 19:11, 27.
13	68	Austin.....	Bro. S. W. Furber.....	Rev. A. Fuller, Job 40:3, 42:5, 27.
14	69	Owatonna.....	Bro. J. L. Noyes.....	Rev. E. Gale, John 4:22, 12.
15	70	Northfield.....	Bro. R. J. Baldwin.....	Rev. W. B. Dada, Mark 4:28.
16	71	St. Anthony..	Pres. J. W. Strong, D. D.	Rev. C. C. Salter, D. D., Isa. 40:3
17	72	Lake City.....	Rev. S. H. Barteau.....	Rev. E. M. Williams, D. D., Rom. 1:16.
18	73	St. Paul.....	Bro. H. W. Page.....	Rev. H. M. Tenney, D. D., Phil. 2:15.
19	74	Winona.....	Rev. H. A. Stimson, D.D.	Rev. C. M. Terry, 1 Cor. 6-9, 17.
20	75	Minneapolis..	Rev. L. H. Cobb, D. D..	Rev. J. W. Ray, Rom. 1:16.
21	76	Austin.....	Rev. E. M. Williams, D D.	Rev. George A. Hood, Eph. 3:8.
22	77	Faribault.....	Rev. David Burt.....	Rev. C. W. Merrill, 2 Tim. 4:2.
23	78	Mankato.....	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D.D.	Rev. J. H. Morley, Matt. 16:1 9, 16.
24	79	Minneapolis..	Hon. A. H. Young.....	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D. D., Heb. 11:1.
25	80	Northfield.....	Rev. L. W. Chaney.....	Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, D.D., Matt. 23:8, 10.
26	81	Rochester.....	Rev. Geo. A. Hood.....	Rev. C. B. Wright, D. D., Matt. 11:4.
27	82	St. Paul.....	Bro. H. W. Page.....	Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D.D., Matt. 16:14, 15.
28	83	Lake City.....	Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, D.D	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D., Isa. 50:4.
29	84	St. Cloud.....	Rev. M. W. Montgomery	Prof. A. H. Pearson, Phil. 1:21.
30	85	Winona.....	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D.D.	Rev. H. C. Hovey, D. D., Jer. 32:8.
31	86	Minneapolis..	Rev. C. W. Merrill.....	Rev. John H. Crum, D. D., 1 Tim. 1:19.
32	87	Fergus Falls..	Prof. Geo. Huntington..	Rev M. W. Montgomery, Isa 21:6, 1 Cor 2:2
33	88	Owatonna.....	Rev. C. B. Wright, D. D.	Rev. J. W. Hargrave, 2 Tim. 2:15.
34	89	St. Paul.....	Rev. S. V. S. Fisher.....	Rev. I. L. Cory, Luke 12:33.
35	90	Northfield.....	Rev. G. R. Merrill, D. D.	Rev. E. M. Noyes, Matt. 5:13.
36	91	Duluth.....	Rev. H. W. Gleason.....	Rev. A. H. Heath, D. D., Rom. 1:15.
37	92	Minneapolis..	Rev. J. F. Taintor.....	Rev. J. A. Chamberlin, John 14:12.
38	93	St. Paul.....	Rev. Smith Baker, D. D.	Rev. L. L. West, D. D., Mark 13:37.
39	94	Austin.....	Bro. C. W. Hackett.....	Rev. J. E. McConnell, 1 Chron. 12:32.
40	95	Alexandria....	Hon. D. C. Bell.....	Rev. S. G. Smith, D. D., Matt. 6:11.
41	96	Faribault.....	Rev. G. B. Soper	Rev. T. Merrill Edmands, Phil. 1:9.
42	97	Montevideo...	Dean Horace Goodhue...	Rev. John A. Stemen, Luke 24:36.
43	98	Owatonna.....	Rev. R. S. Cross.....	Rev. J. W. Todd, Rom. 8:19.

RECORDING SECRETARIES.

Rev. C. B. Sheldon.....1859—1861.
Rev. A. K. Packard..... .....1862—1864.
Rev. J. F. Dudley.....1866-1867.
Rev. L. S. Griggs.....1868—1869.
Rev. H. A. Stimson, D.D..1870—1872.
Rev. H. Bumsted.....1873—1874
Rev. C. A. Hampton.....1875—1876
Bro. Wm. Cheney.....1877—1877
Rev. Geo. A. Hood.....1879—1881
Rev. W. A. James.....1882—1883

CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

Rev. C. Seccombe.....1856—1858.
Rev. D. Burt..... .....1859—1867.
Rev. A. Fuller.....1867—1870.
Rev. C. C. Salter, D. D....1871—1872
Rev. N. C. Chapin.....1873—1877
Rev. L. W. Chaney.....1878—1883

STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

Rev. C. Seccombe.....1858—1870.
Rev. R. Hall.....1871—1875.
Bro. W. Cheney.....1876—1878
Rev. Geo. A. Hood.....1879—1881
Rev. J. B. Fairbank.....1872—1889

SECRETARY: Rev. S. W. Dickinson.....1889—1901

STATISTICS

JANUARY 1st,

1899.

The Conferences.

I. ANOKA CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Hutchinson; May 16, 1899.

REGISTRAR: Rev. H. B. Hendley, Minneapolis.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. J. E. Smith, Rev. J. Alexander Jenkins.

CHURCHES.	MEMS.	MINISTERS.	CHURCH CLERKS.
Afton	7	Albert A. Davis	Richard Buzwell
Anoka	155	John I. Sanford	E. L. Curial
Arcola, (Marine Mills)			
Brownton	26	James W. Danford	Dea. John P. West
Cottage Grove	68	George S Biscoe	John P. Furber
Elk River	112	George Hindley	W. G. Babcock
Excelsior	154	Charles L. Mears	Miss Ella M. Stratton
Fair Oaks. (Tuthill)	15		Miss Nellie M. Grippen
Glencoe	109	John W. Todd	D. Nelson Hassan
Groveland, (Chowen)	21	Alice Ruth Palmer	Mrs. Mary Leonard
Hutchinson	117	Frank H. Richardson	C. E. Gillett
Lakeland	22	Albert A. Davis	Anna Rockstrode
Long Lake			
Minneapolis, First	526		F. C. Chesbro
" Plymouth	941	Leavitt H. Hallock	Rev. H. B. Hendley
" Park Avenue	603	George D. Black	William M. Bristoll
" Pilgrim	396	Calvin B. Moody	E. C. Scarborough
" Vine	147	J. Bruce Mather	Dea. D. A. McCardy
" Como Avenue	74		Mrs. Geo. M. Furber
" Union, (St. Louis Pk)	72	David D. Davis	Mrs. J. Hamilton
" Open Door	173	William Hardcastle	Mrs. W. M. Stanley
" Lyndale	318		Francis L. Frary
" Fremont Avenue	195	Richard Brown	Harry Kilgobe
" Fifth Avenue	152	James B. Smith	L. A Condit
" Mizpah. (Hopkins)	29	James Oakey	Mrs. Esther Gould
" Bethany	118	Stephen G Updyke	Arthur B. Shaw
" Robbinsdale	62	James Oakey	Mrs. Margaret Roth
" Lowry Hill	193	Henry Holmes	William Cheney
" First Scandinavian	31	Carl B. Bjuge	Olaf Strand
" Oak Park	71	Frank L. Moore	A. Henry Cheese
" New Brighton	43	Franklin H. Bassett	Mrs. C. A. Thompson
" Forest Heights	167	Robert A. Hadden	Mrs. Geo. K. Dike
" Temple Swedish	79	Jonas M. Ahnstrom	B. N. Fallin
" 38th Street	47	Samuel J. Rogers	L. H. Thompson
North Branch	13		
Preston Lake, (Stewart)			
Princeton	68	David Donovan	John F. Peterson
Rush City, Swedish	73		
St. Paul, Plymouth	329	George B. Soper	Warren Upham
" Pacific	203	J. Alexander Jenkins	John M. Boxell
" Atlantic	89	William W. Lewis	Geo. D. Hammond
" Park	338	Alexander McGregor	Dea. A. M. Burch
" St. Anthony Park	170	Edwin S. Pressey	H. I. Hunter
" Bethany	85	William W. Newell	E. J. Souther
" Olivet. (Merriam Park)	128	[John H. Sammis]	Henry W. Snell
" South Park	46	William W. Newell	John N. Irving
" Peoples	453	Samuel G. Smith	Leonard A. Straight
" University Avenue	37	Henry W. Parsons	Rev. H. W. Parsons
" Peoples, (Hazel Park)	26	Henry A. Risser	R. F. Hiler
" German Peoples	55	William Oehler	G. A Rinker
Sandstone, Swedish	15	Andrew G. Nelson	August Walden
Silver Lake, Bohemian	89	Philip Reitinger	Charles Pokorny
Spencerbrook	51	Alfred P. Engstrom	Andrew Dunder
Stewart	46	James W. Danford	Dea. Ernest Baumgarten
Stillwater	185	Hiram H. Appelman	Miss Mary Jenks
Sunrise	7		Mrs. C. Spivak
Wayzata	40	Alice Ruth Palmer	M. D. Terrill

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE; John H. Albert, Jonas M. Ahnstrom, Franklin H. Bassett, Eben M. Betts, George S. Biscoe. George D. Black, Richard Brown, Henry L. Chase, Henry J. Colwell, James W. Danford, David D. Davis, Samuel W. Dickinson, James B. Drew, James Earl, Charles B. Fellows, Samuel V. S. Fisher, Pliny H. Fisk, Americus Fuller, William Gill, Herbert W. Gleason, William J. Gray, Robert A. Hadden, Richard Hall, William Hardcastle, Hastings H. Hart, Harry B. Hendley, Robert P. Herrick, Edward P. Ingersoll, J. Alexander Jenkins, Lewis H. Keller, T. Henry Lewis, William W. Lewis, Levi Loring, Asa P. Lyon, Daniel Magnus, J. Bruce Mather, Charles W. Merrill, Alexander McGregor, James McPherson, Charles L. Mears, Watson B. Millard, Calvin B. Moody, Frank L. Moore, John H. Morley, Andrew G. Nelson, William W. Newell, Jairus L. Nott, William Ochler, William Okerstein, Charles E. Page, Alice Ruth Palmer, Henry W. Parsons, Edwin S. Pressey, Philip Reitinger, Henry A. Risser, Alva D. Roe, Samuel J. Rogers, John I. Sandford, George W. Shaw, Samuel Simpson, James E. Smith. Samuel G. Smith, Zwingle H. Smith, George E. Soper, Moody A. Stevens, Charles J. Trehka, Tell A. Turner, Stephen G. Updyke, John B. Wheelwright.

II. CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Monticello, June 20, 1899.

(ACTING) REGISTRAR: Rev. W. H. Medlar, Alexandria.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE. Rev. G. Ernest Smith, Rev. W. H. Medlar, W. J. Brown.

CHURCHES.	MEMS.	MINISTERS.	CHURCH CLERKS.
Alexandria	172	William H. Medlar	A. S. Mason
Big Lake (Union)	65	Mark W. Williams	Albert J. Johnson
Burtrum, Palmer	36	[John M. Sodeistrom]	Miss Ella Willson
Cable, (Clear Water)	20		Miss Edith Ayers
Clarissa	19	[Isaac N. English]	Mrs. F. A. Leighton
Clearwater	43	[Albert B. Barnes]	Samuel Whiting
Glenwood	81	William J. Brown	G. W. Thacher
Grey Eagle	28		Mrs. Dr. A. M. Davis
Hasty	32	[Albert B. Barnes]	Mrs. Sarah Sheldon
Hudson, (Villard)	13		Mrs. Nellie Myers
Little Falls	184	Frederick A. Summer	Mrs. G. R. Anderson
Monticello	105	Carl J. Swain	A. H. Bertram
Orrock, (Union)	13		James Orrock
Paynesville	84	William M. Wright	L. M. Bennett
Pillsbury	26	John N. Sodeistrom	Charles G. Close
Randall	26		C. C. Cochran
Round Prairie	37	J. Frank Locke	John McCarahan
St. Cloud	107	Isaac B. Tracy	John F. Jerrard
" & Sauk Rapids, Swdsh	65	John Rood	John Erickson
Sauk Center	165	G. Ernest Smith	Dea. J. A. Norris
Sauk Rapids	37		James Bunn
" " Swedish		See St. Cloud	
Swanville	12		Mrs. A. A. Austin
Upsala, Swedish	116	Nels J. Bolin	G. Nelson
Villard	33	[Benjamin Samuels]	Daniel W. Shear

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE: Hiram H. Appelman, Nels J. Bolin, William J. Brown, Roland S. Cross, David Donovan, Frank P. Ferguson, William E. Griffith, J. Lewis Jones, Ernest R. Latham, J. Frank Locke William H. Medlar, George F. Morton, Alpheus J. Pike, Edward N. Ruddock, Daniel E. Smith, G. Ernest Smith, Frederick A. Summer, Isaac B. Tracy.

III. DULUTH CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: First Church, Brainerd, May 23rd 1899.

REGISTRAR: A. G. Strong, Duluth.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. M. B. Bird, Dr. Manson.

CHURCHES.	MEMS.	MINISTERS.	CHURCH CLERKS.
Aitkin	25	[Harvey B. Bartel]	A. L. Hamilton
Biwabik	10	Charles E. Wilcox	Rev. C. E. Wilcox
Brainerd, 1st	127	George W. Gallagher	Frank A. White
" Peoples	46	Martin B. Bird	J. B. Lawrence
Duluth, Pilgrim	364	Alexander Milne	Charles I. Turner
" West, Plymouth	78	Jeremiah Kimball	Carl Weaver
" New, Mayflower	22		George W. Keyes
" Morley	35	Frank D. Bentley	Dea. C. A. Gregory
Hibbing	12		
Walker	8	Frank A. Brown	Mrs. John Rouck

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE: Martin B. Bird, Frank A. Bown, George W. Gallagher, Jeremiah Kimball, Charles E. Wilcox.

IV. MANKATO CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Waseca, May 10, 1899

REGISTRAR: Rev. T. Merrill Edmands, Mankato.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. J. P. Dickerman, Dr. Geo. Moore, Rev. T. Merrill Edmands.

CHURCHES.	MEMS.	MINISTERS.	CHURCH CLERKS.
Ash Creek	6	Rufus P. Upton	F. D. Everett
Belgrade, (Mankato)	74	[Josiah L. Keene]	Miss Lucy M. Trask
Edgerton	63	Pliny H. Fisk	Mrs. L. A. Gullick
Ellsworth	30	Rufus P. Upton	Miss Mabel Berkett
Fairmont	125		V. E. Bayless
Fraser, (Fairmont)	32	[Charles G. Oxley]	P. L. Hall
Freeborn	58	Wilbur Fisk	Mrs. Abby Olson
Freedom, (Alma City)	34	Wilbur Fisk	S. O. Garlick
Granada	36	[Charles G. Oxley]	Mrs. M. Z. Betts
Hartland	10	Frederick H. Oehler	Mrs. Mary Douglass
Kanaranzi	14	Rufus P. Upton	Mrs. Mary E. Long
Kasota, Swedish	30	Ernest V. Bjorklund	John Olson
Lake Belt	33	J. Edward Ingham	Pliny C. Holmes
Mankato	161	T. Merrill Edmands	Mrs. Thos. Huges
" Swedish	82	Ernest V. Bjorklund	Ed. Nordgren
Mapleton	101	Jules A. Derome	Miss Sue L. Spague
McPherson, (St. Clair)	12		Mrs. E. W. Axtelle
New Richland	56	Frederick H. Oehler	Mrs. Richard Harrison
Salem	40	John E. Jones	David L. Harris
Sherburne	65	J. Edward Ingham	Mrs. G. R. Harnden
South Bend	21		Dea. W. W. Davis
Waseca	164	John A. Baken	F. W. Roth
Worthington	143	Josiah P. Dickerman	Dea. G. O. Moore

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE: William J. Conard, Fernando E. Carter, Elijah Carter, Jules A. Derome, Josiah P. Dickerman, T. Merrill Edmands, Wilbur Fisk, Frederick H. Oehler, William Powell, Cornelius E. Walker, Charles W. Merrill, Francis M. Washburn.

V. MINNESOTA VALLEY CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Ortonville, June 6, 1899.

REGISTRAR: D. T. Wheaton, Morris.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. A. H. Tebbets, Rev. J. Watt, Rev. J. L. Nott.

CHURCHES.	MEMS.	MINISTERS.	CHURCH CLERKS.
Appleton	58	J. Lewis Jones	Mrs. L. B. Tadsen
Benson	54	Jairus L. Nott	Mrs. W. A. Foland
Campbell	31	Francis Wrigley	Leslie Mullen
Chokio	5	James Watt	Mrs. H. Ackerman
Dawson	76	Arthur H. Tebbets	J. E. Reyerson
Graceville	48	[Richard Watt, *Lic.*]	Mrs. J. Bergen
Granite Falls	25	James Earl	Miss M. A. Cross
Hancock	35	George R. Searles	Mrs. F. H. Angier
Lake Emily, (Hancock)	6	George R. Searles	Mrs. J. Councilman
Madison	36	J. Lewis Jones	Mrs S. B. Farnham
Marietta	8		Mrs. H. M. Bell
Montevideo	83	P. Adelstein Johnson	P. L. Norman
Morris	101	[Thomas E. Archer]	D. T. Wheaton
Ortonville	70	Fred L. Meske	Miss Etta Mathews
Tintah	15	Francis Wrigley	Mrs. H. S. Nuckolls

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE: James Earl, Clement M. G. Harwood, Eli C. Lyon, Fred L. Meske, Charles A. Ruddock, George R. Searles, Otis A. Starr, Arthur H. Tebbets; John W. Todd, James Watt, Edwin E. Webber.

VI. NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Fosston, June 20, 1899.

REGISTRAR: C. R. Andrews, Ada.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: A. A. Miller, Rev. J. H. B. Smith, George E. Perley.

CHURCHES.	MEMS.	MINISTERS.	CHURCH CLERKS.
Ada	54	William A. Whitcomb	Fred L. Hampson
Audubon	26		Dea. Gilbert Hunt
Barnesville	76	T. Henry Lewis.	William Martin
Bertha	39	[Isaac N. English]	Charles H. Hinman
Crookston	73	Herman P. Fisher	William L. Vannet
Detroit City	69	Edward L. Brooks	Miss Bessie L. Furber
Fergus Falls	103	Clement M. G. Harwood	Rev. C. M. G. Harwood
Fertile	26	Benjamin Iorns	Stanley S. LaDue
Fosston	14		A. W. Foss
Georgetown	11		Mrs. T. Hutchinson
Glyndon	60		W. B. Tate
Hawley, Union	52	Samuel E. Fish	Dea. Adna Colburn
Lake Park	19		Mrs. F. B. Higley
Lake View, (Detroit City)	14		Dea. T. Corbett
Maple Bay	5		Mrs. L. A. Hunter
McIntosh	15	[May Darling]	Dr. McEachran
Mentor	9	[May Darling]	Dea. A. D. Tice
Moorhead	66	John S. Rood	Frederick Statley
Park Rapids	30	Harry A. Cotton	Rev. W. J. Conard
Pelican Rapids	60		Mrs. H. N. Bruce
Perham	15	William E. Griffith	Mrs. W. A. Hanson
Staples	58	Ernest C. Chevis	W. S. Gish
Verndale	22		C. E. Bullard
Wadena	120	John H. B. Smith	Dea. John Liddell
West Dora, (Lida)	19	[Ira B. Pinney]	Mrs. S. E. Armitage

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE: Richard H. Battey, Ernest C. Chevis, Delbert W. Cram, Edward P. Crane, Frederick C. Emerson, Samuel E. Fish, Herman P. Fisher, Lewis C. Frost, Reuben W. Harlow, Charles E. Harris, Jr., Benjamin Iorns, John L. Martin, George Michael, David W. Morgan, George E. Northrop, John S. Rood, John H. B. Smith, Esther Smith, Oscar M. Smith, William A. Whitcomb, Francis Wrigley.

VII. OWATONNA CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Dexter, May 9. 1899.

REGISTRAR: Rev. W. A. Warren, Spring Valley.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. J. E. McConnell, J. E. Truesdale, O. W. Shaw.

CHURCHES.	MEMS.	MINISTERS.	CHURCH CLERKS.
Austin	346	Edward F. Wheeler	Walter E. Waldron
Cannon City, (Dean)	20		Dea. Caleb G. Pye
Cannon Falls	104	[Charles E. Ryberg, *Lic*]	James L. Scofield
Claremont	28	[Wesley R. Bosard, *Lic*]	Mrs. O. F. Way
Dexter	19	Calvin W. Duncan	Mrs. Jennie Schuman
Dodge Center	55	[Wesley R. Bosard, *Lic*]	John K. Fancher
Faribault	367	George S. Ricker	E. N. Leavens
Grand Meadow	34	Thomas W. Minnis	John De Young
Hamilton	55		Mrs. Martha L. Knox
Lyle	40	Delbert W. Cram	J. A. Curran
Mantorville	160	William C. A. Wallar	Mrs. W. C. A. Wallar
Medford	95	William R. Stewart	Dea. D. McKinley
Morristown	54	[Victor H. Ruring]	Mrs. Byron Hollister
Northfield	501	James E. McConnell	H. W. McChesney
Owatonna	246	Joseph H. Chandler	J. P. Johnson
Rose Creek	21	Carl G. Swain	Mrs. A. P. Rounce
Spring Valley	257	Willis A. Warren	Dea. W. L. Kellogg
Taopi	15	[J. Russel Jones]	Dea. W. F. Davis
Waterville	48	[Victor H. Ruring]	Mrs. Louise E. Kenrick
Welch	20		Archibald Black

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE: Frank J. Brown, Joseph H. Chandler, Lucian W. Chaney, Harry A. Cotton, Calvin W. Duncan, George Huntington, John C. Huntington, William M. Jenkins, James E. Mc Connell. Thomas W. Minnis, Hannah M. Mullenix, George B. Nutting, Benjamin F. Paul, Alfred H. Pearson, George S. Ricker, James W. Strong, Carl J. Swain, William F. Trussell, William C. A. Wallar, Willis A. Warren, Sherman B. Wilson, Cassius E. Wright.

VIII. WESTERN CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Marshall, June 13, 1899.

REGISTRAR: Rev. Albert Warren, Lake Benton.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. George M. Morrison, Rev. William Blackwell, L. M. Lange.

CHURCHES.	MEMS.	MINISTERS.	CHURCH CLERKS.
Cronish, Union	30		Miss. E. Swanson
Custer, Bethel	67	[B. A. Wood *Lic*]	William Morgan
Garvin	37	[B. A. Wood *Lic*]	W. W. Jones
Lake Benton	24	Robert G. Jones	Mrs. J. B. Davidson
Lake Stay	28	[Thomas Dyke]	Mrs. A. F. Chase
Lamberton	41	Enoch E. Rogers	A. McLeland
Marshall	152	George M. Morrison	J. W. Humphrey
New Ulm	86	Harry W. Johnson	A. H. Lienhard
Selma	85	Eli C. Lyon	P. E. Dewey
Sleepy Eye	107	William Blackwell	Isaac Gallagher
Springfield	31	Eli C. Lyon	Mrs. Mary Howe
Tyler	23	Robert G. Jones	A. J. Cox
Winthrop	58	Roland S. Cross	Miss A. H. Campbell

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE: William Blackwell, Harry W. Johnson, George M. Morrison, George H. Rice, Enoch E. Rogers, Albert Warren.

IX WINONA CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Stewartville, May 16, 1899.

REGISTRAR: Rev. J. F. Taintor, Rochester.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. E. B. Chase, W. H. Laird, Rev. William Lodwick.

CHURCHES.	MEMS.	MINISTERS.	CHURCH CLERKS.
Lake City	257	Ezra B. Chase	Mrs. C. E. Dutcher
" Salem, Swedish	33	Emil A. Anderson	E. S. Anderson
Mazeppa	34	[W. Howard Moore, *Lic*]	Mrs. J. W. Kingsley
Plainview	150	Frank J. Brown	Mrs. G. A. Lyon
Rochester	165	Jesse F. Taintor	J. W. Soule
St. Charles	86	William G. Ramsay	Albert F. Kuebler
Stewartville	70	William Lodwick	Spencer E. Gardner
Wabasha	158	Reuben L. Breed	Dr. C. H. Robinson
Winona, 1st	368	Lester L. West	George J. Hillyer
" 2nd	95	Henry H. Stutson	Dea. E. H. Thresher
" Scandinavian	38	Hans F. Josephson	Axel Bard
Wiscoy, (Witoka)	14		Mrs. Rilla B. Thomas
Zumbro Falls	31	[W. Howard Moore, *Lic*]	Miss Grace Disney
Zumbrota	146	Samuel W. Dickinson	J. L. Williams

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE: Emil A. Anderson, Frank J. Brown, George A. Cable, Ezra B. Chase, William L. Dibble, J. Edward Ingham, Hans G. Josephson, Robert G. Jones, William Lodwick, James Oakey, Nathaniel Smith, Henry H. Stutson, Jesse F. Taintor, Lester L. West.

UNASSOCIATED CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	MEMB.	MINISTERS.	CHURCH CLERKS.
Akeley	12	William J. Conard	Mrs. Robert Dunn
Bagley	9	Arthur G. Young	Mrs. R. D. Ecker
Belview	15	James Earl	Miss Cora Adsit
Correll	16		Mrs. C. B. Hudson
Culdrum, Swedish	8		Peter Shublom
Dorset	7	Harry A. Cotton	Mrs. Henry Parks
Elmdale, Bohemian	15	Philip Reitinger	John Soltis
Farris and Cass Lake	7	Allen Clark	Miss Mary B. Spencer
Felton	18	Matthew J. Totten	Mrs. Otto Dahl
Franconia	22	John G. Princell	Mrs. Josephine Princell
Ham Lake, Swedish	20		
Kragness	18		
Lida Lake, Swedish, (Erhard)	15		Christian Toso
McKinley	7		
Minneiska			
Mud Lake, (Attica)			
New York Mills			Mrs. C. Pendergrast
Star Lake			

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Town or City.	Org	Name.	Name.	Ord	C'd	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	C.	L.	To.	Dh.	L.	De.	To.	Ad.	Inf.
Ada	'82	Fred L. Hampson	William A. Whitcomb, *p*	'96	'96	16	38	54	7	10	2	12	0	1	3	4	4	1
Afton	'58	Richard Buzwell	Albert A. Davis, *p*	'93	'97	3	4	7	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aitkin	'83	A. L. Hamilton	[Harvey P. Bartel]		'98	8	17	25	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Akeley	'98	Mrs. Robert Dunn	William J. Conard, *p*	'89	'99	6	6	12	0	4	8	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alexandria	'67	A. S. Mason	William H. Medlar, *p*	'85	'98	64	108	172	32	0	6	6	3	4	0	7	0	0
Anoka	'55	E. L. Curial	John I. Sanford, *p*	'96	'97	46	109	155	24	21	7	28	2	11	0	13	19	1
Appleton	'79	Mrs. L. B. Tadsen	J. Lewis Jones, *p*	'95	'98	18	40	58	0	6	5	11	1	3	0	4	5	0
Arcola, **Marine Mills**	'78																	
Ash Creek	'89	F. D. Everett	Rufus P. Upton, *p*	'97	'98	3	3	6	2	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	0	0
Audubon	'72	Dea. Gilbert Hunt				12	14	26	5	5	0	5	1	0	0	1	5	0
Austin	'57	W. E. Waldron	Edward F. Wheeler, *p. c*	'90	'98	121	225	346	0	5	8	13	4	8	5	17	4	1
Bagley	'98	Mrs. R. D. Ecker	Arthur G. Young, *p*	'95	'98	3	6	9	0	5	4	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Barnesville	'85	William Martin	T. Henry Lewis, *p*	'94	'98	32	44	76	8	8	3	11	1	1	0	2	2	8
Belgrade, **Mankato**	'80	Miss Lucy M. Trask (a)	[Josiah L. Keene]		'97	30	44	74	7	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Belview	'97	Miss Cora Adsit	James Earl, *p*	'89	'98	5	10	15	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Benson	'76	Mrs. W. A. Foland	Jairus L. Nott, *p*	'85	'97	13	41	54	15	2	2	4	1	4	0	5	0	2
Bertha	'89	C. H. Hinman	[Isaac N. English]		'98	15	24	39	9	24	3	27	0	0	7	7	11	0
Big Lake, Union	'84	Albert J. Johnson	Mark W. Williams, *p*	'92	'98	26	39	65	8	0	2	2	0	4	0	4	0	0
Biwabik	'92	Rev. C. E. Wilcox	Charles E. Wilcox, *p*	'93	'97	5	5	10	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	7
Brainerd, 1st	'72	Frank A. White	George W. Gallagher, *p*	'78	'97	39	88	127	19	5	3	8	1	7	0	8	2	0
" Peoples	'84	J. B. Lawrence	Martin B. Bird, *p. c*	'56	'96	20	26	46	4	1	0	1	0	4	0	4	0	3
Brownton	'82	Dea. J. P. West	James W. Danford, *p*	'85	'95	11	25	36	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Burtrum, Palmer	'91	Miss Ella Willson	[John N. Sodeistrom]		'98	12	24	36	8	0	0	0	1	2	13	16	0	0
Cable, **Clear Lake**	'86	Miss Edith Ayers (b)				4	16	20	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0
Campbell	'86	Leslie Mullen	Francis Wrigley, *p*	'78	'98	12	19	31	1	0	2	2	0	2	15	17	0	0
Cannon City, **Dean**	'88	Dea. Caleb G. Pye				8	12	20	2	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	0	0
Cannon Falls	'56	James L. Scofield	[Charles E. Ryberg, *Lic*]		'98	41	63	104	11	0	2	2	1	3	0	4	0	1
Chokio	'97	Mrs. H. Ackerman	James Watt, *p*	'97	'98	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
Claremont	'60	Mrs. O. F. Way	[Wesley R. Bosard, *Lic*]		'98	13	15	28	5	1	2	3	0	0	10	10	0	0
Clarissa	'90	Mrs. T. A. Leighton	[Isaac N. English]		'97	4	15	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clearwater	'59	Samuel Whiting	[Albert E. Barnes, *Lic*]		'98	9	34	43	11	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0
Cornish	'97	Miss E. Swanson				13	17	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Correll	'96	Mrs. C. E. Hudson				3	13	16	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cottage Grove	'58	John P. Furber	George S. Biscoe, *p*	'61	'96	21	47	68	4	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	0	0
Crookston	'78	William L. Vannet	Herman P. Fisher, *p. c*	'85	'94	24	49	73	33	1	4	5	3	0	3	6	1	1
*Culdrum, Sw'sh, **Swanville**	'96	Peter Shublom				4	4	8										
Custer	'75	William Morgan Tracy	[E. A. Wood, *Lic*]		'98	40	27	67	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dawson	'87	J. E. Regerson	Arthur H. Tebbets, *p*	'73	'99	22	54	76	0	6	2	8	1	1	0	2	6	0
Detroit City	'72	Miss Bessie L Furber	Edward L. Brooks, *p*	'92	'99	21	48	69	14	0	0	0	1	6	0	7	0	1
Dexter	'77	Mrs. Jennie Schuman	Calvin W. Duncan, *p*	'94	'98	7	12	19	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
Dodge Center	'58	John K. Fancher	[Wesley R. Bosard, *Lic*]		'98	22	33	55	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Dorset	'98	Mrs. Henry Parks	Harry A. Cotton, *p*	'88	'98	2	5	7	0	3	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	0

☞ (a) Kems P. O. (b) St. Cloud P. O.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BENEVOLENCE.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.					Y. P. S. C. E. Members.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.									Home Ex.
Place.	The Superintendent.	Mr.	Av.	Fam.		For'n	F'n	C'h Eg.	M'e M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	M. A.	Other.	TOTAL.	Leg.	
Ada	C. R. Andrews	80	57	50	31	26	10	11	18	16	13	0	42	136	0	907
Afton	Rev. A. A. Davis	20	16	10												
Aitkin	Harvey B. Bartel	70	58	50		0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	15	0	250
Akeley	M. L. Moore	40	20	20	15											
Alexandria	J. H. Wetterson	239	147	150	127	87	0	23	406	15	10	0	495	1036	0	2609
Anoka	E. L. Curial	100	78	125	40											1012
Appleton	Mrs. H. Fernel	100	60	50	20	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	9	0	629
Arcola, Marine Mills																
Ash Creek	Joseph Knight	40	20	19		2	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	7	0	116
Audubon	Dea. Gilbert Hunt	45	34	10												119
Austin	A. N. Decker	250	160	155	85	118	45	17	133	50	36	7	132	538	0	2349
Bagley	Mrs. B. Gitchell	35	25	20												
Barnesville	W. L. Harrison	190	145	100	50	14	0	6	26	3	4	0	0	53	0	1200
Belgrade, Mankato	Randall Hobart	75	61	25	30	10	0	6	3	0	7	0	16	42	0	418
Belview	W. H. Wallace	42	29	30	25	0	0	4	8	0	0	0	0	12	0	4
Benson	Mrs. W. A. Foland	120	70	34	20	2	1	3	10	0	2	0	0	18	0	
Bertha	H. O. Le Gro	115	58	35	35	1	0	3	6	0	1	0	9	20	0	278
Big Lake, Union	C. V. Snyder	60	45	35	45	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	5	15	0	589
Biwabik	Rev. C. B. Wilcox	84	48	50		1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	322
Brainerd, 1st	Frank A. White	150	110	90	35	0	0	273	10	0	0	0	5	288	0	1847
" Peoples	Miss Olive Knewett	128	96	85		0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	8	0	1652
Brownton	C. E. Butler	70	58	40	13	2	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	9	0	460
Burtrum, Palmer	F. W. Willson	35	25	13	32	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	174
Cable, Clear Lake	Mrs. Mary E. Carter	40	35	15		0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	171
Campbell	Mrs. W. H. Cross	87	75	75	17	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	16	19	0	662
Cannon City, Dean	W. Neal, Jr.	30	22	25		0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	10	0	52
Cannon Falls	Geo. T. Valentine	100	74	45	48	36	10	6	41	8	3	1	29	134	0	
Chokio	Mrs. H. Ackerman	35	20	15		0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	7	0	
Claremont	George Brewer	67	40	20	21	5	3	4	10	0	5	0	0	27	0	366
Clarissa	Mrs. W. D. Glen	45	35	25												
Clearwater	R. W. Bosworth	68	40	50	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	398
Cornish	Albert Dunwell	55	35	15	20											
Correll	E. M. Richardson	30	20	20		0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	
Cottage Grove	Maurice Watson	40	20	50		17	2	3	13	0	2	0	0	37	0	355
Crookston	Miss Evelyn L. Hall	70	46	55	41	25	15	4	43	4	5	4	30	130	0	1500
Culdrum, Sw'sh, Swanville																
Custer	Mrs. T. T. Jones	60	45	23		12	0	3	14	2	2	0	0	33	0	218
Dawson	A. G. Shogren	110	80	50	70	10	2	4	11	5	4	0	29	65	0	900
Detroit City	S. M. Hume	112	65	38	41	9	0	0	8	0	3	0	12	32	0	666
Dexter	George W. King	85	45	30		0	0	0	1	0	0	0	9	10	0	250
Dodge Center	John K. Fancher	75	50	20	20	2	3	7	8	1	0	3	15	39	0	900
Dorset	Mrs. T. B. Echart	40	30	75												

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Town or City.	Org	Name.	Name.	Ord	C'd	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	C.	L.	To.	Dh.	L.	De.	To.	Ad.	Inf.
Duluth, Pilgrim	'71	Charles I. Turner	Alexander Milne, *p.*	89	'99	129	235	364	45	9	5	14	1	13	0	14	2	9
" West Plymouth	'88	Carl Weaver	Jeremiah Kimball, *p.*	'91	'98	34	44	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
" Mayflower	'91	George W. Keyes				9	13	22	11	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
" Morley	'94	Dea. C. A. Gregory	Frank D. Bentley, *p.*	'97	'98	11	14	25	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Edgerton	'80	L. A. Gullick	Pliny H. Fisk, *p.*	'85	'97	21	42	63	12	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elk River, Union	'75	W. G. Babcock	George Hindley, *p.*	'75	'98	34	78	112	38	1	2	3	1	4	0	5	1	0
Ellsworth	'90	Miss Mabel Berkett	Rufus P. Upton, *p.*	'97	'98	7	23	30	3	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	2
*Elmdale, Bohemian	'97	John Soltis	Philip Reitinger, *p.*	'89	'97	7	8	15	0	5	10	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
Excelsior	'53	Miss Ella M. Stratton	Charles L. Mears, *p.*	'96	'96	59	95	154	18	6	2	8	1	1	0	2	1	1
Fairmont	'68	V. E. Bayless				36	89	125	12	15	3	18	0	1	0	1	10	8
Fair Oaks, Tuthill	'95	Miss Nellie M. Grippen				5	10	15	0	1	0	1	2	0	9	11	0	0
Faribault	'56	Eden N. Leavens	George S. Ricker, *p.*	'72	'94	121	246	367	46	7	18	25	3	19	1	23	6	3
*Farris, and Cass Lake	'98	Miss Mary B. Spencer	Allen Clark, *p.*	'68	'99	3	4	7	0	1	6	7	0	0	0	0	1	3
Felton	'98	Mrs. Otto Dahl	Matthew J. Totten, *p.*	'67	'98	8	10	18	0	9	9	18	0	0	0	0	2	0
Fergus Falls	'72	Rev. C. M. G. Harwood	Clement M. G. Harwood, *p.*	'70	'96	31	72	103	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	3	0
Fertile	'88	Stanley S. La Due	Benjamin Iorns, *p.*	'96	'97	7	19	26	4	7	2	9	0	5	1	4	2	0
Fosston	'87	A. W. Foss				5	9	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Franconia, Swedish	'95	Mrs. Josephine Princell	John G. Princell, *p.*	'72	'98	10	12	22	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1
Fraser, Fairmont	'94	F. L. Hall	[Charles G. Oxley]		'98	16	16	32	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Freeborn	'72	Mrs. Abby Olson	Wilbur Fisk, *p. c.*	'76	'75	25	33	58	10	0	0	0	1	2	3	6	0	0
Freedom, Alma City	'78	S. O. Garlick	Wilbur Fisk, *p.*	'76	'85	12	22	34	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Garvin	'91	W. W. Jones	[B. A. Wood, *Lic*]		'98	17	20	37	5	1	9	10	1	3	0	4	0	2
Georgetown	'91	Mrs. I. Hutchinson				5	6	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Glencoe	'57	D. N. Hassan	John W. Todd, *p.*	'82	'98	48	61	109	0	9	3	12	1	4	0	5	1	3
Glenwood	'85	G. W. Thacher	William J. Brown, *p.*	'91	'97	33	48	81	5	6	5	11	0	1	0	1	2	4
Glyndon	'72	W. B. Tate				22	38	60	16	0	1	1	1	3	0	4	0	1
Graceville	'87	Mrs. F. Bergen	[Richard Watt, *Lic*]		'97	12	36	48	0	2	2	4	0	1	0	1	0	0
Granada	'82	Mrs. M. Z. Betts	[Charles G. Oxley]		'98	12	24	36	4	4	4	8	0	5	0	5	0	0
Grand Meadow	'78	John De Young	Thomas W. Minnis, *p.*	'84	'97	10	44	34	4	5	1	6	0	1	1	2	3	0
Granite Falls	'72	Miss M. A. Cross	James Earl, *p.*	'89	'98	13	22	35	5	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grey Eagle	'91	Mrs. A. M. Davis				9	19	28	0	3	5	8	1	0	0	1	1	0
Groveland, Chowen	'82	Mrs. Mary Leonard	Alice Ruth Palmer, *p.*	'96	'96	7	14	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hamilton	'60	Mrs. Martha L. Knox				22	33	55	25	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0
*Ham Lake, Swedish	'90																	
Hancock	73	Mrs. F. H. Angier	George R. Searls, *p.*	'67	'96	11	24	35	7	0	5	5	0	1	0	1	0	0
Hartland	'73	Mrs. Mary Douglass	Frederick H. Oehler, *p.*	'90	'95	4	6	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hasty	'89	Mrs. Sarah Sheldon	[Albert E. Barnes, *Lic*]		'98	12	20	32	5	9	4	13	1	3	2	6	7	0
Hawley, Union	'73	Dea. A. Colburn	Samuel E. Fisk, *p.*	'95	'98	17	35	52	10	5	7	12	0	4	1	5	1	0
Hibbing	'97																	
Hudson, Villard	'88	Mrs. Nellie Meyers				7	6	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hutchinson	'70	C. E. Gillett	Frank H. Richardson, *p.*	'94	'99	25	92	117	21	2	8	10	1	6	5	12	0	1
Kanaranzi	'92	Mrs. Mary E. Long	Rufus P. Upton, *p.*	'97	'98	4	10	14	0	4	2	6	0	4	0	4	4	0

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Duluth, Pilgrim	A. G. Strong	270	207	200	75	229	15	0	221	5	18	0	121	609	0	5009
" West Plymouth	H. Brearley	100	80	15												
" Mayflower	Fred McGill	50	31	20		2	0	2	2	2	1	0	0	9	0	18
" Morley	C. A. Gregory	112	87	50	30	8	10	5	0	0	0	0	3	26	0	983
Edgerton	Rev. P. H. Fisk	110	75	70	35	4	0	5	15	0	3	0	0	27	0	400
Elk River, Union	J. H. Williams	160	111	80	38											
Ellsworth	F. W. Stanton	40	25	40	17	8	0	4	4	0	3	0	0	19	0	513
Elmdale, Bohemiam						0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	32
Excelsior	Malcolm Wyer	130	97	100	60	27	8	5	44	6	8	1	3	102	0	1268
Fairmont	W. G. Brown	180	125	65	80	30	2	10	40	8	22	2	50	184	0	2150
Fair Oaks, Tuthill	Horace Boxwell	40	25	10	13	2	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	8	0	59
Faribault	Dr. Brewer Mattocks	332	171	225	70	287	96	98	167	69	12	8	299	1036	0	2558
Farris, and Cass Lake	Miss Mary K. Pierce	30	20	30												50
Felton	Otto Dahl	45	25	25		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Fergus Falls	W. L. Winslow	150	80	83	33											
Fertile	F. L. Owston	53	50	40		6	0	4	12	0	15	11	0	48	0	411
Fosston	Mrs. M. E. Clough	70	40	30												
Franconia, Swedish	G. Hammarberg	15	12	11		0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	35
Fraser, Fairmont	A. T. French	40	25	7	25	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	5	7	0	66
Freeborn	John Luther	80	46	21	25	36	1	4	29	7	4	0	10	91	0	229
Freedom, Alma City	Mrs. M. Davidson	48	25	19		5	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	12	0	190
Garvin	Mrs. T. T. Jones	60	45	21	18	5	0	3	11	0	3	0	0	22	0	1014
Georgetown	Miss Ida Hutchinson	35	30	15												
Glencoe	Edward Gutchie	150	114	80	90	12	0	0	5	0	0	0	10	27	0	1200
Glenwood	Dr. C. A. Fjelstad	135	80	60	65	13	0	10	32	0	10	0	20	85	0	2200
Glyndon	John H. Reid	65	33	35	20	6	1	0	8	2	0	0	0	17	0	528
Graceville	Gl n Howard	74	54	50	30	0	0	3	25	0	18	0	0	46	0	757
Granada	Charles Bowdry	80	44	40	30	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	2	9	0	
Grand Meadow	Mrs. E. F. Greening	60	50	30	25	4	0	6	18	7	2	8	10	55	0	500
Granite Falls	Rev. James Earl			35		0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	
Grey Eagle	Mrs. E. Ruddock	39	20	30												
Groveland, Chowen	Elmer Lane	60	45	40		2	0	1	2	0	0	0	5	10	0	160
Hamilton	C. H. Steffens	72	48	30		0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	
Ham Lake, Swedish																
Hancock	Mrs. A. L. Beggs	89	40	70		5	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	10	0	375
Hartland	F. E. Phipps	75	15	10		0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	108
Hasty	E. D. Sheldon	50	40	25	20	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	10	0	
Hawley, Union	J. H. Lewis	90	63	30	55	23	0	4	18	0	0	0	1	46	0	887
Hibbing		25	18	20												
Hudson, Villard	Mrs. L. J. McGrary	37	24	20												
Hutchinson	C. K. Goodnow	260	120	150	100	57	0	6	25	5	5	0	14	112	0	1324
Kanaranzi	William Martin	45	25	16	17	29	0	0	11	0	4	1	0	45	0	169

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Kasota, Swedish	'89	John Olson	Ernest V. Bjorklund, *p*.	'96	'95	12	18	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0
*Kragness	'96																	
Lake Belt	'93	P. C. Holmes	J. Edward Ingham, *p*.	'96	'98	12	21	33	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lake Benton	'80	Mrs. J. B Davidson	Robert G. Jones, *p*.	'91	'97	4	20	24	3	0	2	2	0	1	18	19	0	2
Lake City	'56	Mrs. C. E. Dutcher	Ezra B. Chase, *p*.	'76	'92	83	174	257	39	9	8	17	1	11	0	12	4	0
" " Swedish	'85	E. S. Anderson	Emil A. Anderson, *p*.	'95	'97	17	27	44	4	8	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	8
Lake Emily, Hancock	'83	Mrs. J. Councilman	George R. Searles, *p*.	'67	'97	1	5	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lakeland	'58	Anna Rockstrole	Albert A. Davis, *p*.	'93	'96	8	15	23	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lake Park	'91	Mrs. F. B. Higley				7	12	19	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	3	1	2
Lake Stay	'80	Mrs. A. F. Chase	[Thomas Dyke, *Lic*].		'98	10	18	28	9	0	2	2	0	2	0	2	0	0
Lake View, Detroit City	'79	Dea. T. Corbett				4	10	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lamberton	'89	A. McLeland	Enoch E. Rogers, *p*	'69	'96	13	18	31	5	6	0	6	1	3	4	8	5	0
*Lida Lake, Swedish, Erhard	'97	Christian Toso				7	8	15										
Little Falls	'72	Mrs. G. R. Anderson	Frederick A. Summer, *p*.	'94	'97	59	125	184	49	12	11	23	4	8	0	12	4	11
Long Lake	'88																	
Lyle	'86	J. A. Curran	Delbert W. Cram, *p*.	'95	'98	19	21	40	6	3	2	5	0	0	1	1	1	0
*McIntosh	'92	Dr. McBachran	[May Darling]		'98	6	9	15	3	0	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	2
Mc Kinley	'93																	
McPherson, St Clair	'75	Mrs. B. W. Axtelle				2	10	12										
Madison	'86	Mrs. S. E. Farnham	J. Lewis Jones, *p*.	'95	'99	8	28	36	4	1	2	3	0	0	11	11	0	0
Manchester, Armstrong	'87	E. W. Hall				2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mankato	'70	Mrs. Thos. Hughes	T. Merrill Edmands, *p*.	'88	'97	52	109	161	58	5	3	8	0	3	4	7	4	0
" Swedish	'89	Ed. Nordgren	Ernest V. Bjorklund, *p*.	'56	'95	31	51	82	0	9	0	9	1	1	1	3	0	16
Mantorville	'58	Mrs. W. C. A. Wallar	William C. A. Wallar, *p*.	'87	'96	54	106	160	14	1	2	3	2	2	0	4	1	4
Maplebay	'87	Mrs. L. A. Hunter				1	4	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mapleton	'82	Miss Sue L. Sprague	Jules A. Derome, *p*.	'89	'95	33	68	101	15	0	5	5	1	0	0	1	0	0
Marietta	'87	Mrs. H. M. Bell				3	5	8	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Marshall	'72	J. W. Humphrey	George M. Morrison, *p. c*.	'90	'94	55	97	152	14	11	6	17	1	3	0	4	6	1
Mazeppa	'60	Mrs. J. W. Kingsley	[W. Howard Moore, *Lic*].		'98	12	22	34	5	1	1	2	2	4	0	6	0	0
Medford	'56	Dea. D. McKinley	William R. Stewart, *p*.	'68	'97	33	62	95	16	0	1	1	1	2	0	3	0	3
Mentor	'82	Dea. A. D. Tice	[May Darling]		'98	3	8	11	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis, 1st	'51	Willard W. Moore	Ernest W. Shurtleff, *p*.	'89	'98	155	329	484	0	13	5	18	5	13	0	18	4	0
" Plymouth	'57	Rev. H. B. Hendley	Leavitt H. Hallock, *p*.	'67	'98	382	559	941		5	11	16	9	31	8	48	4	18
" Park Avenue	'67	William M. Bristoll	George D. Black, *p*.	'77	'94	213	390	603		12	19	31	3	17	31	51	4	6
" Pilgrim	'73	E. C. Scarborough	Calvin B. Moody, *p*.	'80	'92	113	283	396	59	17	7	24	2	15	16	33	10	6
" Vine	'82	Dea. D. A. Macurdy	J Bruce Mathers, *p. c*.	'91	'97	53	94	147	9	14	6	20	1	6	27	34	9	2
" Como Avenue	'82	Mrs. G. M. Furber				25	49	74	7	0	5	5	0	7	4	11	0	2
" Union, St. Louis Park	'82	Mrs. Joseph Hamilton	Daniel D. Davis, *p*.	'87	'97	27	45	72	16	2	4	6	0	5	0	5	0	3
" Open Door	'84	Mrs. W. M. Stanley	William Hardcastle, *p*.	'93	'97	50	123	173	23	14	13	27	0	12	0	12	2	3
" Lyndale	'84	Francis L. Tracy				99	219	318	44	17	16	33	3	15	3	21	7	7
" Fremont Avenue	'85	Harry Kilgore	Richard Brown, *p*.	'90	'96	75	120	195	20	11	9	20	2	7	0	9	3	9
" Fifth Avenue	'86	L. A. Condit	James B. Smith, *p*	'81	'96	54	103	157	5	18	14	32	6	8	3	17	0	0

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Kasota, Swedish	John Olson	34	30	28		0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	12	0	245
Kragness	Mrs. B. I. Parker	46	29	10												
Lake Belt	P. D. Worthley	59	39	18	20	46	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	56	0	80
Lake Benton	Rev. A. Warren	50	40	16	34	7	0	6	21	1	6	0	49	90	0	645
Lake City	John T. Wallis	198	150	105	102	119	36	9	133	34	7	0	45	383	0	1545
" " Swedish	Rev. E. A. Anderson	63	30	35		1	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	6	0	510
Lake Emily, Hancock	P. B. Councilman	39	18	12		2	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	7	0	96
Lakeland	Mrs. A. A. Davis	58	40	40												
Lake Park	F. M. Higley	95	53	16	26	3	0	4	3	3	3	4	4	24	0	337
Lake Stay	Edward Blegen	98	45	12	12	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	3	0	110
Lake View, Detroit City	Mrs. John West	26	18													
Lamberton	John Street	120	56	40	80	32	0	11	30	11	5	0	9	98	0	565
Lida Lake, Swedish, Erhard																
Little Falls	Rev. F. A. Summer	170	100	150	50	20	5	23	37	0	5	0	85	175	0	1850
Long Lake																
Lyle	O. C. Strock	50	35	50	30	3	0	8	3	0	2	0	1	17	0	843
McIntosh	Everett Southmayde	54	40	22		0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	725
Mc Kinley																
McPherson, St Clair	J. W. Smith	31	18													
Madison	Mrs. I. O. Sias	206	50		38	10	0	3	11	0	0	0	12	36	0	622
Manchester, Armstrong	E. W. Hall	32	20													
Mankato	Thomas Hughes	130	90	50	51	25	5	4	35	15	5	0	12	101	0	1459
" Swedish	Ed Nordgren	71	40	40	14											535
Mantorville	J. T. Fuller	125	75	80	20	38	0	5	29	10	4	61	0	147	0	1152
Maplebay	Miss May Horton	28	15	10												
Mapleton	Mrs. J. C. Potter	150	80	45	49	25	0	2	10	0	0	0	25	62	0	970
Marietta	Mrs. J. B. Smith	26	15	20												
Marshall	Walter S. Little	145	90	85	59	74	20	39	65	17	26	5	58	304	0	1726
Mazeppa	W. H. Squire	70	62	50	80	25	0	0	0	10	5	0	0	40	0	536
Medford	James S. McKinley	60	47		30	6	1	5	4	7	9	0	0	32	66	742
Mentor	A. D. Tice	50	20													
Minneapolis, 1st	H. A. Schriver	450	254	540	100	0	0	5	178	0	0	46	171	400	0	4200
" Plymouth	Harrington Beard	1000	850	800	110	954	208	807	3267	262	117	73	1188	6874	0	9000
" Park Avenue	C. L. Sawyer	570	351	225	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	517	517		5000
" Pilgrim	L. E. Jepson	560	366	400	101	351	60	8	216	36	37	0	201	909	0	2884
" Vine	E. M. Newcomb	250	203	200	109	71	30	22	76	14	11	0	9	233	0	1599
" Como Avenue	Charles M. Way	150	115	148	55	85	13	18	15	10	3	0	10	154	0	1521
" Union, St. Louis Park	Louis W. Fuller	250	200	45	30	3	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	13	0	1000
" Open Door	Oscar E. Roberts	200	118	125	100	40	0	0	40	16	0	0	104	200	0	1233
" Lyndale	B. W. Smith	491	378	300	120	197	4	26	197	12	16	14	78	544	0	3320
" Fremont Avenue	Edward F. Melony	365	250	200	135	42	3	4	27	4	7	0	150	237	0	2350
" Fifth Avenue	J. M. McBride			125	75	114	10	7	47	8	30	0	35	251	0	

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Minneapolis, Mizpah, **Hopkins**	'88	Mrs. E. Gould	James Oakey, *p.*	75	'98	10	19	29	5	7	2	9	1	0	4	5	4	0
" Bethany	'89	Arthur E. Shaw	Stephen G. Updyke, *p.*	'71	'97	48	70	118	38	12	6	18	3	0	0	3	12	17
" Robbinsdale	'89	Mrs. Margaret Roth	James Oakey, *p.*	'75	'98	26	40	66	4	3	3	6	1	13	4	18	3	1
" Lowry Hill	'90	William Cheney	Henry Holmes, *p. c.*	'92	'98	78	115	193	14	6	10	16	5	16	0	21	1	3
" 1st Scandinavian	'91	Olaf Strand	Carl B. Bjuge, *p.*	'96	'96	12	19	31	0	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
" New Brighton	'90	Mrs. C. A. Thompson	Franklin H. Bassett, *p.*	'94	'98	16	27	43	11	3	9	12	0	5	0	5	2	10
" Oak Park	'91	A. Henry Cheese	Frank L. Moore, *p.*	'91	'97	28	43	71	7	13	14	27	1	3	27	31	6	6
" Forest Heights	'94	Mrs. Geo. K. Dike	Robert A. Hadden, *p.*	'95	'98	59	108	167	5	20	12	32	1	8	0	9	6	6
" Temple, Swedish	'97	E. N. Fallin	Jonas M. Ahnstrom, *p.*	'85	'96	32	47	79	0	18	0	18	1	2	1	4	0	9
" 38th Street	'97	L. H. Thompson	Samuel J. Rogers, *p*	'62	98	13	34	47	0	19	5	24	1	2	0	3	19	1
Minneiska	'93																	
Montevideo	'72	P. L. Norman	P. Adelstein Johnson, *p.*	'98	'98	30	53	83	18	6	12	18	0	6	0	6	2	0
Monticello	'56	A. H. Bertram	Carl J. Swain, *p.*	'91	'98	35	70	105	17	3	4	7	1	3	0	4	0	0
Moorhead	'94	Frederick Stalley	John S. Rood, *p.*	'87	'97	20	46	66	15	15	3	18	1	5	0	6	2	1
Morris	'74	Dea. D. T. Wheaton	[Thomas E. Archer]		'98	39	62	101	26	2	8	10	1	6	9	16	0	0
Morristown	'78	Mrs. B. Hollister	[Victor H. Ruring]		'98	17	37	54	0	6	3	9	3	5	8	16	6	0
*Mud Lake, **Attica**	'94																	
New Richland	'82	Richard Harrison	Frederick H. Oehler, *p.*	'90	'95	17	39	56	10	5	1	6	1	0	0	1	3	0
New Ulm	'83	Adam H. Lienhard	Harry W. Johnson, *p.*	'96	'97	29	57	86	13	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
*New York Mills	'95	Mrs. C. Pendergrast																
North Branch	'83	Ephraim E. Rogers	William A. Wilkinson, *p.*	'97	'98	5	8	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northfield	'56	H. W. McChesney	James B. McConnell, *p. c.*	'87	'90	176	325	501	85	12	29	41	7	23	13	43	9	6
Orrock, Union	'95	James Orrock				6	7	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ortonville	'76	Miss Etta Matthews	Fred L. Meske, *p.*	'91	'97	16	54	70	18	5	5	10	2	7	1	10	0	5
Owatonna	'57	Dr. J. P. Johnson	Joseph H. Chandler, *p.*	'83	'97	88	158	246	40	15	5	20	3	18	4	25	8	6
Park Rapids	'84	Rev. W. J. Conard	Harry A. Cotton, *p.*	'88	'98	11	19	30	8	0	0	0	1	5	0	6	0	0
Paynesville	'86	L. M. Bennell	William M. Wright, *p.*	'84	'98	41	43	84	15	6	12	18	0	4	2	6	6	1
Pelican Rapids	'84	Mrs. H. N. Bruce				15	45	60	28	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0
Perham	'97	Mrs. W. H. Hanscom	William B. Griffith, *p.*	'97	'98	1	14	15	3	1	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	0
Pillsbury	'89	Charles G. Close	[John N. Sodeistrom]		'98	10	17	27	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0
Plainview	'63	Mrs. G. A. Lyon	Frank J. Brown, *p.*	'93	'97	51	99	150	29	16	4	20	2	4	0	6	10	0
Preston Lake, **Stewart**	'71																	
Princeton	'56	J. F. Petterson	David Donovan, *p.*	'87	'99	16	52	68	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	4	0	0
Randall	'94	S. C. Eschran				9	17	26	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rochester	'58	J. W. Soule	Jesse P. Taintor, *p.*	'78	'86	49	116	165	0	0	3	3	1	2	0	3	0	5
Rose Creek	'72	Mrs. A. P. Rounce				4	17	21	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Round Prairie	'92	J. McCarahan, Little S'k	J. Frank Locke, *p.*	'75	'94	13	24	37	6	1	5	6	0	0	0	0	1	0
Rush City, Swedish	'82																	
St. Charles	'59	Albert F. Kuebler	William G. Ramsay, *p.*	'98	'98	31	55	86	7	2	2	4	1	4	0	5	1	0
St. Cloud	'64	J. P. Jerrard	Isaac B. Tracy, *p.*	'87	'97	36	71	107	39	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	0
" Swedish	'92	John Brickson	John Rood, *p*	'95	'92	35	30	65	0	5	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Paul, Plymouth	'58	Warren Upham	George E. Soper, *p.*	'84	'97	122	207	329	150	6	13	19	5	13	1	19	0	8

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Minneapolis, Mizpah, Hopkins	H. D. Truman	90	75	35	40	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	300
" Bethany	Arthur E. Shaw	300	175	100												
" Robbinsdale	A. B. Robbins	145	95	45	72	8	0	0	9	10	6	0	30	63	0	861
" Lowry Hill	Eugene C. Mills	264	170	125	57	58	25	0	67	13	10	0	15	188	0	2687
" 1st Scandinavian	Miss E. A. Willas, M. D.	83	50	20	15	0	0	1	7	0	3	0	0	11	0	297
" New Brighton	Frank M. Searles	90	70	45	30	4	0	5	3	0	12	0	31	55	0	550
" Oak Park	Charles Clay	200	138	80	50	10	1	5	3	2	6	0	6	33	0	800
" Forest Heights	P. R. Hamilton	250	140	200	108	22	0	5	15	5	0	0	62	109	0	776
" Temple, Swedish	Louis Turnquist	55	45	50	38	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	
" 38th Street	J. O. Williams	133	97	40	20	0	0	0	5	0	3	0	0	8	0	378
Minneiska																
Montevideo	Prof. C. W. Headley	120	81	50	25	15	30	0	0	15	0	0	0	60	0	1100
Monticello	A. L. Hill	125	55	90	65	10	0	0	17	2	9	0	0	38	0	800
Moorhead	Rev. J. S. Rood	125	67	65	19	25	5	1	27	5	8	1	28	100	0	1210
Morris	J. J. Pimm	195	75	60	25	38	5	10	24	9	5	4	54	149	0	1189
Morristown	J. R. Rohrer	50	25	25	40	3	0	3	0	4	0	0	3	13	0	350
Mud Lake, Attica																
New Richland	C. S. Yeager	80	45	50	20	30	2	4	22	3	2	0	12	75	0	1263
New Ulm	Willard G. Little	85	69	70	75	29	0	6	51	5	6	6	9	112	0	1463
New York Mills	J. C. Winslow	58	40													
North Branch	E. J. Rogers	70	40	15		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		200
Northfield	H. C. Wilson	276	174	190	68	975	1962	74	317	258	35	14	219	3854	2500	3002
Orrock, Union	Grace Craig	45	31	5		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
Ortonville	F. Shumaker	110	70	40	40	8	0	10	19	0	7	0	7	43	0	938
Owatonna	L. L. Wheelock	225	128	120	89	113	40	33	56	40	11	6	185	484	0	2158
Park Rapids	Mrs. J. Coleman	50	30	25	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	180
Paynesville	D. S. Coleman	110	52	55	60	15	8	6	21	1	0	0	10	61	0	550
Pelican Rapids	Miss M. Sulton	100	70	63		3	0	257	19	0	0	0	0	279	0	441
Perham	Rev. W. E. Griffith	66	40	25	40	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	10	0	305
Pillsbury	A. J. Gibson	48	30	20	41	5	0	0	7	0	0	0	3	15	0	80
Plainview	F. D. Washburn	112	60	60	44	29	0	3	22	4	3	0	34	95	0	1000
Preston Lake, Stewart	J. A. Washburn.	26	18													
Princeton	F. T. Ludden	100	75	75	40	5	4	0	0	0	6	0	0	15	0	840
Randall	W. S. Jones	62	50		20	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	
Rochester	W. J. Eaton	225	157	100	102	284	43	88	218	67	19	13	12	744	0	2360
Rose Creek	F. G. Ray	35	20	18	12											
Round Prairie	S. S. Sargeant	40	33	20	13	3	0	4	4	0	0	0	2	13	0	121
Rush City, Swedish	Charles Westland	35	30													
St. Charles	Thomas P. Dixon	157	89	77	46	27	0	11	1	0	1	0	2	42	0	624
St. Cloud	George Clark	65	40	50	15	36	0	4	11	0	0	0	3	54	0	1000
" Swedish	Nels Lorson	72	55	14		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	90	0	300
St. Paul, Plymouth	Dr. B. H. Ogden	300	225	140	51	166	324	9	337	31	10	0	120	997	0	8558

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St. Paul, Pacific	'82	John M. Boxell	J. Alexander Jenkins, *p.*	'93	'96	77	126	203	23	11	13	24	2	4	0	6	1	13
" Atlantic	'83	Geo. D. Hammond	William W. Lewis, *p.*	'86	'96	32	57	89	0	8	12	20	1	9	11	21	6	10
" Park	'83	Dea. A. M. Burch	Alexander McGregor, *p. c.*	'86	'98	116	222	338	50	2	17	19	2	10	2	14	0	2
" St. Anthony Park	'86	H. L. Hunter	Edwin S. Pressey, *p. c.*	'88	'96	71	99	170	33	11	14	25	1	6	0	7	9	2
" Bethany	'87	E. J. Souther	William W. Newell, *p.*	'94	'98	28	57	85	0	2	4	6	4	7	0	11	0	3
" Olivet, Merriam P'k	'88	Henry W. Snell	[John H. Sammis]		'99	45	83	128	26	1	0	1	1	6	0	7	0	0
" South Park	'88	John N. Erving	William W. Newell, *p.*	'94	'98	17	28	45	7	9	0	9	1	3	0	4	4	3
" Peoples	'88	Leonard A Straight	Samuel G. Smith, *p.*	'74	'88	150	303	453	25	5	5	10	3	1	22	26	3	17
" University Avenue	'95	Rev. H. W. Parsons	Henry W. Parsons, *p.*	'72	'96	10	27	37	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
" Peoples, Hazel Park	'95	R. F. Hiler	Henry A. Risser, *p.*	'87	'98	12	14	26	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1
" Peoples, German	'95	G. A. Rinker	William Oehler, *p.*	'76	'90	25	30	55	0	8	0	8	0	3	0	3	0	7
Salem, Courtland	'55	David L. Harris	John E. Jones, *p.*	'71	'94	16	24	40	3	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	1
Sandstone, Swedish	'91	August Walden	Andrew G. Nelson, *p*	'76	'95	7	8	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sauk Centre	'67	Dea. J. A. Norris	G. Ernest Smith, *p.*	'78	'95	54	109	163	20	1	1	2	0	12	0	12	0	0
Sauk Rapids	'55	James Bunn				9	28	37	12	0	1	1	2	1	0	3	0	0
Sauk Rapids, Swedish	'88	See St. Cloud																
Selma	'91	F. D. Dewey	Eli C. Lyon, *p*	'93	'98	21	21	42	0	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	1	0
Sherburne	'79	Mrs. Geo. R. Hamden	J. Edward Ingham, *p.*	'96	'98	26	39	65	13	1	5	6	1	9	5	15	1	0
Silver Lake, Bohemian	'98	Charles Pokorny	Philip Reitinger, *p.*	'89	'98	48	41	89	0	4	2	6	0	1	0	1	0	12
Sleepy Eye	'73	Isaac Gallagher	William Blackwell, *p.*	'72	'91	33	74	107	30	5	5	10	0	2	0	2	2	4
South Bend	'95	Dea. W. W. Davis				11	10	21	7	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0
Spencerbrook	'92	Andrew Dunder	Alfred P. Engstrom, *p.*	'95	'91	22	29	51	0	2	0	2	1	0	2	3	0	3
Springfield	'76	Mrs. Mary Rowe	Eli C. Lyons, *p.*	'93	'98	11	20	31	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	1	0
Spring Valley	'56	Dea. W. L. Kellogg	Willis A. Warren, *p.*	'92	'97	79	178	257	58	3	4	7	4	8	0	12	5	1
Staples	'90	W. S. Gish	Ernest C. Chevis, *p*	'90	'98	12	46	58	16	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Star Lake	'93																	
Stewart	'87	Dea. E. Baumgarten	James W. Danford, *p.*	'85	'95	14	32	46	10	4	0	4	0	6	0	6	2	1
Stewartville	'80	Spencer E. Gardner	William Lodwick, *p.*	'95	'97	25	45	70	13	2	0	2	1	0	6	7	2	0
Stillwater	'83	Miss Mary Jenks	Hiram H. Appelman, *p.*	'95	'98	42	143	185	16	1	17	18	1	2	1	4	0	0
Sunrise	'89	Mrs. C. Spivak				2	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Swanville	'91	Mrs. A. A. Austin				3	9	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taopi	'90	Dea. W. F. Davis	[J. Russel Jones]		'98	5	10	15	0	3	2	5	0	3	0	3	0	0
Tintah	'91	Mrs. Hattie Nuckolls	Francis Wrigley, *p.*	'78	'98	5	10	15	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1
Tyler	'75	A. J. Cox	Robert G Jones, *p.*	'91	'98	7	16	23	5	3	1	4	2	0	0	2	0	1
Upsala, Swedish	'88	Gust. Nelson	Nels J. Bolin, *p.*	'97	'97	61	55	116	0	18	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	12
Verndale	'80	C. E. Bullard				9	16	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Villard	'83	Daniel W. Shear	[Benjamin Samuels, *Lic*]		'98	14	19	33	0	4	6	10	0	0	12	12	3	0
Wabasha	'57	Dr. C. H. Robinson	Reuben L. Breed, *p.*	'96	'98	44	114	158	34	16	3	19	1	6	19	26	2	7
Wadena	'80	Dea. J. Liddell	John H. B. Smith, *p.*	'83	'96	36	84	120	10	0	2	2	1	2	5	8	0	1
Walker	'96	Mrs. John Bouck	Frank A. Bown, *p.*	'97	'97	3	5	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Walnut Grove	'74																	
Waseca	'68	F. W. Roth	John A. Eaken, *p.*	'94	'98	62	102	164	44	0	7	7	2	3	0	5	0	4

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Place.	The Superintendent.	Mr.	Av.	Fam.		For'n	H'n	C'h Bg.	H'e M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	M. A.	Other.	TOTAL.	Leg.	
St. Paul, Pacific	Miss F. B. Nicoll	332	211	160	140	32	25	10	57	4	10	3	110	251	0	3363
" Atlantic	Charles B. Ninaber	112	81	48	34	23	5	0	3	0	0	0	10	41	0	3209
" Park	Dea. C. J. Hunt	260	160	300	56	131	12	39	169	25	5	0	65	446	0	5270
" St. Anthony Park	Edward C. Hall	192	138	94	91	82	7	9	50	12	22	6	77	265	0	3448
" Bethany	Charles Crissey	134	104	60	38	24	0	300	0	0	0	0	10	334	0	1755
" Olivet, Merriam P'k	H. B. Still	236	161	60	44	187	11	5	142	5	10	0	9	369	0	1726
" South Park	C. W. Clark	110	68	25	71	16	0	0	0	20	7	0	7	50	0	434
" Peoples	Dr. A. F. Goodrich	450	375	450	65	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	1040	1065	0	
" University Avenue	Roy Kilborn	90	50	32	22	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	777
" Peoples, Hazel Park	E. S. Tepel	54	30	18	20											
" Peoples, German	Aug Luederman	100	80	50	40	0	0	5	19	0	0	0	15	39	0	350
Salem, Courtland	David Pugh	55	35	25	27	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	300
Sandstone, Swedish	August Walden	50	40	15		0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	139
Sauk Centre	W. A. Barts	120	65	100	80	79	65	10	58	14	12	0	0	238	0	1620
Sauk Rapids	Jas. P. Carpenter	67	47	70		0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	400
Sauk Rapids, Swedish	Nels Larson	175	105													
Selma	David Kennedy	57	42	16		0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	13	0	824
Sherburne	Dr. W. H. Gaugh	85	60	51	51	0	0	10	0	0	12	0	0	22	0	10
Silver Lake, Bohemian	John S. Terabek	84	62	44	42	109	50	6	118	0	0	0	0	283	0	540
Sleepy Eye	W. Reed	200	130	45	45	8	5	5	15	0	5	0	15	53	0	1200
South Bend	Mrs. Lucy Burnett	24	16													3
Spencerbrook	Rev. A. P. Enstrom	30	30	28		0	0	1	6	0	0	0	15	22	0	600
Springfield	H. W. Van Valkenbergh	75	54	20	40	7	0	4	5	9	1	0	0	26	0	420
Spring Valley	Everett Jones	140	102	100	64	49	9	8	39	24	5	5	11	150	0	1500
Staples	Rev. E. C. Chevis	75	54	60	40										0	595
Star Lake																
Stewart	Mrs. M. J. McLeod	60	30	20		2	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	6	0	275
Stewartville	Philemon Tuttle	60	40	40	55	1	0	3	20	0	2	0	5	31	0	1200
Stillwater	Frank A. Weld	200	126	107	80	0	2	18	5	4	2	0	0	31	0	1048
Sunrise	E. E. Chase	45	35	20												
Swanville	E. M. McIntyre	51	30													
Taopi	F. Davis	28	22			0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	5	0	
Tintah	Mrs. Ida Putnam	37	25	20		0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	6	0	
Tyler	G. L. Larsen	38	24	20		0	0	2	7	0	0	0	0	9	0	182
Upsala, Swedish	L. W. Larson	131	100	70	51	0	0	3	5	0	0	0	0	8	0	484
Verndale	O. L. Solstad	34	21													
Villard	R. Fauts	50	35	20	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	300
Wabasha	Malcolm Kennedy	174	89	130	42	21	0	10	17	0	5	0	20	73	0	1440
Wadena	Eugene Boss	135	75	75	66	36	7	15	25	10	10	3	0	106	0	1364
Walker	Rev. F. A. Down	55	30	24	15	2	0	3	4	0	1	0	0	10	0	515
Walnut Grove	H. J. Jager	71	31													
Waseca	Mrs. George Willson	140	82	43	55	61	3	9	37	10	2	0	0	122	0	1500

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Waterville	'79	Mrs. L. E. Kenrick	[Victor H. Ruring]		'98	14	38	52	9	2	2	4	1	2	0	3	0	0
Wayzata	'81	W. D. Terrill	Alice Ruth Palmer, *p.*		'96	18	22	40	6	13	3	16	1	0	2	3	10	8
Welch	'70	Archibald Black				10	10	20	6	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	1
West Dora, Lida	'87	Mrs. Susan E. Armitage	[Ira B. Pinney, *Lic*]		'98	6	13	19	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	8	0	0
Winona, 1st	'54	Geo. J. Hillyer	Lester L. West, *p.*	'78	'89	104	264	368	64	9	5	14	3	13	0	16	2	2
" 2nd	'87	Dea. E. H. Thresher	Henry H. Stutson, *p.*	'97	'96	32	63	95	16	0	3	3	0	1	0	1	0	0
" Scandinavian	'95	Axel Bard	Hans F. Josephson, *p.*	'95	'97	15	23	38	1	1	0	1	0	1	4	5	0	4
Winthrop	'89	Miss Anna Campbell	Roland S. Cross, *p.*	'76	'98	24	29	53	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Wiscoy, Witoka	'84	Mrs. Rilla B. Thomas				3	11	14	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Worthington	'70	Dea. G. O. Moore	Josiah P. Dickerman, *p.*	'91	'99	54	89	143	8	13	5	18	0	7	0	7	6	1
Zumbro Falls	'90	Miss Grace Disney	[W. Howard Moore, *Lic*]		'98	10	21	31	4	3	0	3	1	0	0	1	5	4
Zumbrota	'57	J. L. Williams	Samuel W. Dickinson, *p.*	'74	'98	49	97	146	21	0	7	7	1	5	0	6	0	0

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Waterville	Dea. H. P. Blair	75	50	25	45	26	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	57	0	418
Wayzata	Miss Nettie Hoagland	45	40	60	36	7	0	3	11	0	5	0	0	26	0	350
Welch	C. D. Carver	40	25	8		10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	90
West Dora, Lida	William Kilts	60	35	15	20	8	0	2	3	0	2	0	0	15	0	75
Winona, 1st	H. M. Kinney	450	311	225	50	870	1205	22	735	65	32	0	496	3425	0	6971
" 2nd	Der. E. H. Thresher	160	94	50	25	0	2	0	12	0	0	0	0	14	0	550
" Scandinavian	Axel Bard	50	40	22	25	5	0	6	8	1	6	0	19	39	0	482
Winthrop	D. E. Wagner	95	65	50	42	13	2	0	12	2	0	0	0	29	0	488
Wiscoy, Witoka	William Brown	50	40			1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Worthington	Mrs. H. J. Ludlow	156	127	100	53	106	22	24	87	17	19	20	61	356	0	1395
Zumbro Falls	George Lynch	50	40	50	21	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	7	0	200
Zumbrota	Lewis Scofield	161	111	50	40	77	0	7	90	9	11	6	11	211	0	1150

GENERAL SUMMARY.

CHANGES From last *Year-Book's* list of Churches: *Added.*—Akeley, Bagley, Dorset, Farris and Cass Lake, Silver Lake. *Omitted*—Maplewood, West Union. *Name Changed*—Brainerd 2nd to Peoples.

CHURCHES: 10 with pastors installed by council; 135 with pastors otherwise inducted; 49 vacant, 13 supplied by licentiates, 15 by ministers of other denominations. Total, 222.

MINISTERS: 9 pastors installed by council; 114 pastors otherwise inducted; 77 others; Total, 200.

CHURCH MEMBERS: 6314 males; 11728 females. Total, 18042 including 2271 absent.

ADDITIONS: 808 by confession; 675 by letter. Total, 1483

REMOVALS: 171 by death; 669 by dismissal; 383 by discipline. Total, 1223.

BAPTISMS: 342 adult; 401 infant.

IN SABBATH SCHOOLS: Members, 24167.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES: 142 number; 6744 members.

FAMILIES: 195 churches reporting 13194.

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS: 173 churches reporting (187 last year), Foreign, $7,413; Education, $4,504; Church Building, $2,708; Home, $9,126; A. M. A. $1,402; Sunday School, $891; Ministerial Aid, $336; Other, $7,103; Total, $33,483.

BENEVOLENT LEGACIES: $3,566.

HOME EXPENDITURES: 165 churches reporting $173,177.

ORGANIZATIONS.—Nine Conferences; Anoka, Central, Duluth, Mankato, Minnesota Valley, Northern Pacific, Owatonna, Western, Winona, within the General Congregational Association of Minnesota.

Statistics of the Congregational Sunday Schools of Minnesota,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1898.

☞ *These Statistics are furnished by the State Sunday School Superintendent. The Columns of Teachers and Officers often include the same number and do not balance in the Total Column.*

LOCATION OF SCHOOL	NAME OF SUPERINTENDENT	ENROLLMENT				Per Cent		Total Benevolence	Self-Support
		Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Total	Average	Attend Church	United with Church		
Ada	C. R. Andrews	8	72	80	57	25	4	18.94	34.76
Afton	A. A. Davis			20	16				
Aitkin	A. L. Hamilton	8	65	73	50	25	2		
" Pine Knoll	W. W. Welton			38	27				
" Sutton's Ranch	Nelson Hurd.			25	16				
Akeley				40	30				
Aldrich				35	28				
Alexandria	James E. Phillips	21	210	231	143	50	2		
" Carlos	A. W. Wheeler			50	37				
" Garfield P. O.	Mr. Winkjer			60	47				
" Lake May	Miss Minnie Jones			35	20				
" Union Lake	Mr. F. C. Mead			40	30				
" Meltona				35	28				
Anoka	Mrs. L. S. Gould	14	125	139	88	50			
Appleton	Mrs. L. B. Tadsen	11	65	96	51	33	1		
" Redfield, Correll P. O.	Mr. R. Dexter			40	33				
Arcola, Marine P. O.				47	35				
Ash Creek	Frank Everett	7	38	45	13	100			
Audubon	H. A. Ames			48	25				
" Mois S. H.	W. H. Mois			30	20				
" Ullin P. O.	Harry Griffin			40	30				
Austin	A. N. Decker	30	175	205	175	75	2	41.93	
Bagley				40	30				165.19
Badoura				35	29				
" Branch				20	15				
Barnesville	W. L. Harrison	12	130	142	103	33	3	12.62	
" Hughes	Mrs. Chas. Hughes			50	40				66.34
" Prairie Bell	Mrs. Hayes			55	35				
Belgrade, Mankato P. O.	L. R. Hobart	12	60	72	61	99		20.88	
" Nyquist				27	20				47.16
Beltrami, Edna P. O.	J. B. Welter			40	30				
Belview	Rev. G. E. Northrup			35	25				
Benson	Rev. J. L. Nott	12	120	132	76	33	2	8.95	
" De Graff	Mrs. Fifield.			20	16				
Bertha				50	38				
" Bowman				25	18				
" Edson				30	20				
Bethany, Sherburn P. O.	Mr. Sinai Detienne	10	32	42	30				
Big Lake	J. M. Hahen.	17	98	115	76	50			
" Hanson	Mr. F. P. Ferguson	14	60	74	48				
" Baileys Station	C. H. Eddy	9	40	40	30				
Biwabik	Rev. C. B. Wilcox	10	100	110	50	10		1.62	37.73
Brainerd, First	F. A. White	16	140	156	115	20	2	15.00	189.30
" Second	A. W. Wilson	10	75	85	50	50			
" Mud Lake	Rev. M. B. Bird	8	40	48	40				
Browuton	Alfred Jury	18	56	74	60	50			
" Sumpter Union	Mr. Crandall	7	25	32	20				
Burtrum	Rev. W. E. Griffith	13	60	73	50	33		2.10	18.82
Cable, St. Cloud P. O.	Samuel Biggerstaff	7	30	37	22				
Campbell	H. S. Hogoboom	9	60	69	40	75			
Cannon City, Dean P. O.	Caleb G. Pye	7	18	25	23	60			
Cannon Falls	Geo. T. Valentine	10	100	110	75	50		63.45	36.55
Cass Lake				25	18				
Culdrum				43	36				
Center City, Swedish	John Bylund	2	20	22	15	10			10.00
" " Rock Creek P. O.	E. W. Lund			30	20				
Claremont	Fred Perry	9	55	64	45				
Clarissa	Mrs. W. D. Glenn			45	35				
Clearwater	E. G. Bursell	7	63	70	40	20			25.00

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Correll	M. E. Richardson	....	.....	45	36	.....	....	.....	.....
Cottage Grove	John W. Howard	11	30	41	30	.....	....	.....	.....
Crookston	Evelyn L. Hall	13	70	82	55	25	1	.....	50.00
" Langor P. O.	Mrs. T. T. Jones	....	....	15	10	.....	....	.....	.....
Custer, Tracy P. O.	Garvin	9	51	60	45	100	....	6.94	7.90
Dawson	A. G. Shogren	12	108	120	90	25	....	5.03	65.20
" Maxwell S. H.	Mrs. L. E. Moulton	....	.....	45	25	.....	....	.....	.....
Detroit	S. M. Hume	12	112	124	65	20	....	2.26	55.22
Dexter	Geo. W. King	9	85	94	45	25	....	.....	40.00
Dodge Center	J. K. Fancher	10	75	85	50	50	....	36.00	20.00
Dorset	.....	....	.....	40	30	.....	....	.....	.....
Douglass, Meisville P. O.	Chas. C. Carver	10	30	40	25	.....	....	.....	.....
Duluth, Pilgrim	A. G. Strong	37	233	270	207	25	....	35.16	213.60
" Morley	C. A. Gregory	15	100	115	90	.....	....	3.30	95.17
" Plymouth	Mr. H. Breadley	10	90	100	80	25	....	2.29	75.54
" New Duluth P. O.	Fred McGill	6	44	50	31	.....	....	.....	.....
Edgerton	Rev. P. H. Fisk	10	110	120	75	50	....	5.25	67.65
Elim	.....	7	28	35	27	.....	....	.....	.....
Elk River	W. H. Houlton	15	150	165	100	13	....	.....	.....
" Meadowvale	M. H. Bailey	3	25	28	18	.....	....	.....	.....
" Lavonia	Mrs. T. H. Thacher	2	12	14	10	.....	....	.....	.....
Ellsworth	F. W. Stanton	9	45	54	25	50	....	2.86	15.12
" Bridge S. S.	.....	....	.....	35	25	.....	....	.....	.....
" Grand Prairie	Chas. A. Barnes	....	.....	25	20	20	1	.....	.....
Erickson	.....	....	.....	35	27	.....	....	.....	.....
Erskine	.....	....	.....	60	48	.....	....	.....	.....
Excelsior	James D. Wyer	13	125	137	90	30	9	.....	.....
" Branch	Rev. C. L. Mears	....	.....	25	18	.....	....	.....	.....
Fair Oaks, Anoka P. O.	Horace Boxwell	9	25	34	25	100	3	.....	16.00
" Branch	.....	....	.....	18	12	.....	....	.....	.....
Fairmont	W. G. Brown	18	179	187	109	50	....	12.11	57.00
" Hall S. H.	.....	8	40	48	34	.....	....	.....	.....
Faribault	Dr. Brewer Mattocks	30	302	332	171	25	7	80.00	91.00
Farris	Mary K. Peirce	3	17	20	16	90	1	.....	6.50
Fergus Falls	W. L. Winslow	15	136	151	96	20	3	.....	52.87
" Oswald	.....	8	22	30	20	.....	....	.....	.....
Fertile	J. S. La Due	8	63	71	42	50	....	.....	.....
" Twin Valley	.....	....	.....	25	18	.....	....	.....	.....
Fosston	Mrs. M. E. Clough	7	63	70	40	50	....	.....	.....
" Hansville	.....	....	.....	30	20	.....	....	.....	.....
Fox Dist.	.....	....	.....	25	21	.....	....	.....	.....
Frazer, Fairmont P. O.	Mrs. A. F. French	7	25	32	22	.....	....	.....	.....
Franconia, Swedish	Gus. Hammerberg	5	17	22	15	.....	....	.....	.....
Freeborn	Allen D. Scoville	13	67	80	42	86	6	.....	.....
" Byron	Rev. W. Fisk	....	.....	35	25	.....	....	.....	.....
" Cream P. O.	A. T. Gary	10	40	50	36	100	....	.....	.....
Freeman	.....	....	.....	35	25	.....	....	.....	.....
Garvin	Mrs. Annie Jones	8	36	44	30	98	3	4.71	18.29
Georgetown	Miss. Ida Hutchinson	8	27	35	30	50	....	.....	.....
" Middleton	Miss. Ida Hutchinson	....	.....	35	25	.....	....	.....	.....
Glencoe	C. M. De Leenn	27	155	182	130	40	7	4.50	76.25
Glenwood	Dr. Carl A. Fjelstad	9	90	109	69	25	3	3.00	38.99
Glyndon	A. A. Mumford	12	90	102	70	50	....	.....	.....
" Felton P. O.	.....	7	18	25	20	.....	....	.....	.....
" Burdick S. H.	Mrs. Pelton	4	13	17	12	.....	....	.....	.....
" Stockwood	Jno. H. Reid	8	22	30	20	.....	....	.....	.....
" Muskoda	A. A. Mumford	....	.....	30	20	.....	....	.....	.....
Graceville	Glen R. Howard	10	78	88	50	25	2	11.25	19.68
" Chokio	Mrs. E. Ackerman	7	41	48	34	50	....	5.23	.....
" Olivet	H. J. Mitchell	7	50	57	30	100	....	1.40	9.41
Grand Medow	C. B. Sheldon	14	68	82	51	25	....	.....	.....
Granada	Mrs. Laura A. Moore	1	15	16	8	.....	....	3.03	3.45
" Branch	Mrs. Laura A. Moore	....	.....	20	14	.....	....	.....	.....
Granite Falls	James Earl	6	50	56	35	20	....	8.00	20.00
" " Branch	.....	....	.....	15	10	.....	....	.....	.....
Gray Eagle	Mrs. Edwin Ruddock	9	30	39	20	.....	....	.....	.....
Goshen, Courtland P. O.	.....	8	23	31	20	.....	....	.....	.....
Groveland, Chowen P. O.	Ida C. Waters	8	52	60	45	75	....	.....	.....

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Halstead				22	18				
Hamilton	Chas. H. Steffens	12	60	72	48				
Ham Lake, Swedish				20	15				
Hancock	Mrs. Addie L. Beggs	9	80	89	40	50		11.22	24.00
Hartland	Mrs. Everett Cram	8	40	48	35				
Hasty	E. D. Sheldon	9	33	42	35	66	8	2.00	10.27
" McClelland	E. D. Sheldon	8	22	30	20				
Hawley	Ed. O. Hale	13	62	75	54	50			
" Henderson				27	20				
" Silver Lake	Mrs. E. A. Woods			30	20				
Hibbing		3	21	24	18				
Holdings Ford	John Sabol			25	16				
Hudson, Villard P. O.	Mrs. L. I. McGrary	7	30	37	24	100			
Hutchinson	C. K. Goodnow	16	150	166	105	20	8		
Kanaranzi	W. Martin	7	40	47	27	50	3		
" Garden, Luverne P. O.	W. Martin			40	27				
Kasota, Swedish	John Olson	4	35	39	30	15			22.17
Kimball	Rev. John Rood	5	20	25	16				
Kimberly				35	27				
Kragness	Mrs. E. I. Parker	9	37	46	29				
" Riverside	Miss Minnie Vinton			18	12				
Lake Benton	A Warren	10	45	55	37	50			
Lake City	J. T. Wallis	24	168	192	150	25		54.01	127.96
" Swedish	Rev. Emil A. Anderson	8	55	63	40	33		1.02	29.00
Lake Belt	P. D. Worthly	8	55	63	50	100		8.20	19.27
Lake Emily, Hancock P. O.	P. B. Councilman								
Lake Lida, Scandinavian				25	15				
Lake Park	Frank M. Higby	11	85	96	60	33			37.60
Lake Stay	E. M. Blegen	7	18	25		100		6.00	4.80
" Branch	M. Foulds	7	18	25	14				
" Pleasant Hill	A. F. Chase			30	20				
" Roberts				26	21				
Lake View, Detroit P. O.	Mrs. John West	8	18	26	18				
Lakeland	Mrs. A. A. Davis	8	50	58	40	25	1	1.75	28.00
" So. Stillwater P. O.	Mr. Bayne	9	52	61	40	75			
Lamberton		11	43	54	35				
Lengby				30	20				
Little Falls	F. A. Sumner	16	135	151	75	33	1	12.90	63.40
" " Bell Prairie	O. A. Cox			25	18				
" " Mt. Olive				25	18				
Lockhart				30	20				
Lost River				25	17				
Lyle	O. C. Strock	13	70	85	45	25			
McIntosh	C. P. Page	7	40	47	30				
McPherson, St. Clair P. O.	J. W. Smith	7	24	31	18	50			
Madison	C. W. Wagner	16	110	126	92				
Manchester, Buckeye P. O.	E. W. Hall	8	24	32	20				
Mankato, First	Thomas Hughes	18	186	204	108				
" Swedish	Ed. Noedgren	10	62	72	60				37.00
" Eagle Lake				25	20				
" " " Swedish				25	18				
Mantorville	Mr. J. T. Fuller	12	113	125	75			6.00	49.00
Maple Bay	Miss May Horton	8	20	28	15				
Maple Ridge	Rev. P. Rodberg	7	30	37	26				
Mapleton	Mrs. Jennie C. Potter	12	150	162	80	50		7.00	73.00
Marine Mills				25	20				
Marietta	Mrs. J. B. Smith	6	20	26	15	33			
" Smith S. H	Mrs. J. B. Smith			25	14				
Marshall	W. S. Little	13	130	140	130				
Mazeppa	Geo. Black	10	96	106	51	20			
" Bear Valley	Eugene Day			35	25				
" Forest Mills P. O.	Nels Olson			40	30				
Medford	J. F. McKinley	10	80	90	60	66	1	6.50	48.72
Mentor	A. D. Tice	7	52	59	20	100			
Minneapolis, First	H. A. Schriver	40	410	450	254	50		165.88	200.00
" First Bethesda	T. H. Colwell			150	110				
" Plymouth	Harrington Beard	33	437	470	269				
" Bethel	W. F. Black			375	275				

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Minneapolis, Immanuel	Edward F. Waite	30	220	250	190			58.02	51.64
" Park Avenue	C. L. Sawyer	45	500	545	350	33	3	47.36	229.67
" Vine	E. M. Newcomb	25	225	250	202	33	5	21.42	122.40
" Pilgrim	J. H. Jepson	37	523	560	366			66.87	279.28
" Open Door	O. E. Roberts	30	196	226	121	75		12.69	85.33
" Union, St. Louis P'k	L. W. Fuller	13	72	85	60	20	2		42.00
" " Manhattan				35	25				
" " Grace	F. J. Empenger			80	50				
" " Bdina Mills	Miss Yancy			45	32				
" Lyndale	B. W. Smith	30	300	348	275	33			300.00
" " S. Ly'le Br.	B. J. Kelsey	18	85	103	82	12		10.00	175.00
" Fremont Avenue	Geo. T. Duryea	36	318	354	259			75.00	
" Como Avenue	Chas. M. Way	21	180	201	121		13		
" Fifth Avenue	J. M. McBride	25	183	208	165	25	3	48.98	136.83
" Mayflower	A. E. Shaw			100	70				
" New Brighton	F. M. Shearer	10	70	80	60	33	3	13.33	40.00
" " " Elwell				25	18				
" Forest Heights	P. R. Hamilton	18	200	218	110	50	4		50.00
" " Gol. Val.				30	20				
" Mizpah, Hopkins				60	45				
" Bethany	A. E. Shaw	20	205	225	150	10	3	8.50	80.50
" Robbinsdale P. O.	A. B. Robbins	17	145	162	85	75		6.01	104.50
" Lowry Hill	E. C. Mills	24	240	264	170	50		20.75	208.74
" Oak Park	Charles Clay	15	185	200	130	10	11	10.25	115.00
" First Scandinavian	Miss E. A. Willas	8	75	83	55	10		3.54	37.92
" Sw'sh Cong. Temple				70	55				
" " " " Br.				65	50				
" Thirty-eighth St.	J. O. Williams	19	114	133	97	40	18	2.81	100.01
Mission Creek	P. H. Nyberg	5	13	18	12				
Montevideo	C. W. Headley	11	113	124	81	20	6	50.00	50.00
Monticello	A. H. Hill	12	116	126	75	50	3	12.08	40.00
" Branch	Mrs. S. Hobblett			55	40				
Morris	John J. Pinn	12	183	195	75	20		5.40	102.00
" Branch	Oscar Astockson			50	22				
Morristown	J. P. Temple	12	92	104	75				
Moorhead	Mrs. E. P. Parker	4	25	29	15			4.60	5.18
New Richland	C. S. Yeager	9	35	40	25	10			
" " Branch	Rev. F. H. Oehler			35	25				
" " Otisco P. O.	G. W. Chapman			45	35				
" " Trenton				35	27				
New Ulm	Mr. W. G. Little	12	89	101	69	30		7.21	83.52
New York Mills	J. C. Winslow	8	50	58	40	25			
" " Bain	A. M. Dutton			26	20				
" " Button				25	18				
" " Bluffton				27	20				
" " Davies S. H.				33	27				
" " Dutton S. H.				27	20				
Nielsville				29	22				
New Paynesville	D. S. Coleman	17	90	107	56	50		15.71	48.00
" " West				25	17				
North Branch	Dea. E. G. Rogers	10	60	70	40	25			
" S'h. Harris P. O.	Ole Olson	6	25	31	20				
" Pierce S. H.				25	18				
" Hawkinson	Chas. Oberg			35	25				
Northfield, First	Dr. H. C. Wilson	25	350	375	263				
" Greenvale	H. J. Baldwin	7	40	47	24	33			
" Waterford		11	40	51	31				
" West Side		10	40	50	30				
" Stone S. H.	Mr. Stewart			35	25				
Odessa				30	23				
Otisco, Swedish				25	20				
Ortonville	E. J. Miller	12	100	112	57	40	5		
Orrock	Grace Craig	10	40	45	31	75		3 60	15.01
Owatonna	Samuel S. Thompson	20	227	247	107	50			
" Steel Center	Prof. C. J. Whitman	7	25	32	21				
Parker, Huff P. O.	Chas. Eastman	9	40	49	35				
" Baker S. H.	O. W. Randall	3	24	27	12				
Partridge				26	18				

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Park Rapids	Enos. M. Ricker	9	50	59	50				
" Atlanta				25	18				
" Sloan				22	16				
Pelican Rapids	John Lockhart	9	100	109	75	33			
" " Sand Lake	Mrs. Orville Buck			25	20				
Perham	W. E. Griffith	8	76	84	48	10			22.18
Perley				60	45				
Pillsbury	Mr. A. J. Gibson	8	40	48	30	66		2.70	17.25
" Lake Beauty	Jno. W. Scott	7	42	49	40				
Plainview	F. D. Washburn	15	102	117	68	75	10	7.23	40.00
Popple				30	22				
Preston Lake, Stewart P. O.	J. A. Washburn	6	20	26	18				
Princeton	F. L. Ludden	11	125	136	85	66			100.00
Randall	S. F. Vaughn	9	53	62	50				
" Cushing				30	20				
Rice Lake	Care, J. T. Elwell	6	30	36	13				
Rendsville, Morris P. O.		7	22	29	21				
Rochester	W. J. Eaton	28	193	251	157	10		30.81	86.36
Rolette				29	20				
Rose Creek	D. McTavish	11	43	53	30				
Rothsay				30	20				
Round Prairie	S. S. Sargeant	6	31	35	28	90	3	7.50	11.50
" " Beadle	J. Debord			33	20				
" " Hughes	R. Ruggles			45	30				
Rush City, Swedish	Chas. Westland	5	30	35	30				
" " Branch	Aug. Rolander	2	10	15	10				
" American Branch				31	25				
St. Charles	Mark Campbell	18	145	163	93				
" " Saratoga	Mrs. Bell Murray	10	40	50	36				
St. Cloud, First	Geo. Clark	12	70	82	54				
" Swedish	Nels Larson			72					
" Clear Lake P. O.	J. P. Hendrickson			28	20				
" Quarries	Nels Larson			28	22				
" Whites Park	Nels Larson			12	8				
St. Hilaire				30	20				
St. Paul, Plymouth	Dr. B. H. Ogden	27	203	230	75	66	1	5.00	131.74
" " Cyril	Miss Nellie Hanson	9	80	89	58	10		3.68	63.42
" Pacific	Miss Frances E. Nicoll	30	233	263	166	20		7.76	277.90
" " Brainerd Ave	W. R. Nicoll			74	45				
" Atlantic	Chas. B. Neinaber	12	85	97	85	10		3.35	97.85
" Forest St	T. P. Shufelton			190	160				
" Park	Chas. J. Hunt	30	260	290	225	50	10		
" Bethany	Chas. Crissey	13	130	143	100	10	4	6.37	66.47
" St. Anthony	Mr. E. C. Hall	17	135	152	104	33	14	74.68	66.43
" " Des Noyer Park	Mary M. Cheney			40	35				
" Olivet, Merriam Park	H. E. Still	18	101	119	88			36.64	78.82
" " Tatum Chapel	H. W. Snell	12	117	129	77			1.50	40.47
" South Park	Mr. C. W. Clark	11	100	115	68	20	3	7.79	65.11
" Peoples		27	502	529	204	25	10		
" " Gladstone	Thos. Jefferson	7	60	67	45				15.00
" University Ave	Frederick J. Pike			125	100				
" Peoples, German	August Luedman	12	100	112	76	20		5.38	53.00
" Hazel Park	E. L. Tryant	7	30	37	30	75			
Sandstone, Swedish		7	45	52	40				
" Sturgeon Lake P. O.	Amy Bylin			25	18				
Sauk Center	Jas. A. Morris	15	150	165	80	10		8.70	35.00
Sauk Rapids	Mr. J. Carpenter	12	79	91	43	20		4.05	25.69
" Swedish	Nels Larson	20	155	175	105	25		2.00	70.27
" S'h Bridgman P. O	Nels Larson			41	33				
" Watab				22	16				
Scandia P. O.	P. Sellerstrom			15	12				
Sebeka				20	17				
Selma, Union	David Kennedy	4	63	67	49	75		5.00	22.00
Sherburn	Dr. W. H. Gaugh	10	70	80	65	5	6	7.00	44.00
" Bethlehem P. O.	Miss Barbara Clark			25	18				
Shevlin				25	18				
Sleepy Eye	B. B. Shoemaker	18	145	163	110				
" Lone Tree				35	22				

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Sleepy Eye, Golden Gate				40	30				
Snake River, Swedish	Rev. A. G. Nelson	5	20	25	16				
Spencerbrook, Swedish	A. P. Greystrain	3	25	28	10	100		4.00	4.00
" Athens P. O	A. Nasins			25	18				
Springfield	H. Van Valkenburg	6	54	62	50	75	5	6.00	23.00
" Sandborn P. O		7	40	47	37				
Spring Valley	Mr. Everett Jones.	24	160	196	110		2	18.90	93 33
" " Branch				30	20				
Staples	Mrs. Mac Millan	9	66	75	54	15		1.04	15.00
" Bungo P. O	Mrs. G. E. Lively			30	15				
" Ellis P. O	Mr. Shakel			30	19				
" Lincoln P. O				36	27				
" Pine River P. O	Miss Edna Slack			30	20				
Sterling	Geo. Conard			30	20				
Stewart Union	Frank Sugden	7	40	47	35				
Stewartville	Philemon Tuttle	9	75	84	42	33		2.50	26.54
Stickney				25	18				
Stillwater	Frank A. Weld	20	175	195	150	66		86.98	89.71
Swanville	B. M. McIntyre	6	45	51	30	100			
Sunrise, Union				45	35				
Taopi	Frank Davis	7	21	28	22	25			15.00
Tintah	Mrs. W. B. Prescott	7	30	37	25				
Tyler	G. L. Larsen	7	26	33	24				
Ulen				30	20				
Underwood				30	20				
Upsala, Swedish	L. M. Larson	11	85	96	65	50			18.45
" Palm, Swedish				25	15				
" Sw'h, Flensburg P. O.	Miss Tillie Jackson			34	22				
Verndale	O. L. Solstad	5	12	34	21				25 00
" Thomaston P. O				25	20				
Villard		11	54	65	35	90			
Wabasha	Mr. Kennedy	12	156	168	98	30	4	26.25	80.00
Wadena	Mrs. Eugene Boss	11	135	146	82		3	22.00	85.00
" Beautiful Valley	Rev. J. H. B. Smith			40	30				
" Lake Sybil, Luca P.O.	Miss Myrtle Simmons			35	25				
Walker	Rev. F. A. Bowen	4	50	54	30	50		3.50	21.36
Walnut Grove	H. J. Jager	8	63	71	31	20			4.00
" " Storden				30	20				
Waseca	Mrs. G. A. Wilson	20	145	165	93	25		5.00	104 37
Waterville	H. P. Blair	9	70	79	52		4		32.95
Wayzata	G. Webb	4	48	52	30	33	1		
Wealthwood	Mrs. G. H. Ball	5	12	17	12				
Weeks				30	20				
Westbrook, Swedish	Ida Heckman	5	17	22	15				
West Dora, Lida P. O	Alvin Gray	9	56	65	45	99		2.30	13.80
" " Gresham P. O	Alice Blossom			20	12				
" " Luce P. O	W. S. Parks	7	30	37	15	100			4.99
" " South Lida	Jas. S. Ranger			35	23				
" " Star Lake	Cr. Sheldon Slater	5	18	23	15				
Winona, First	E. D. Dyar	38	241	279	186				123.00
" " Lakeside Br	Prof. Holzinger	14	126	140	115				20.00
" Second	W. W. Bartlett	15	116	131	80	50			
" Scandinavian	O. C. Locken	7	45	52	40	25			
Winthrop	D. E. Wagner	9	75	100	65	33		7.00	40.50
" Arlington P. O		10	52	62	45				
" Gaylord P. O	A. L. Ingalls	13	72	85	60	50			7.50
" Gibbon P. O	Wm. Schoenfelder	11	50	61	40				
" Hegsburg	Ambrose Gaylord			30	20				
Wyonette, Swedish	August Johnson	6	30	36	25				
Wilscoy		10	26	36	25				
Wolverton				32	20				
Worthington	Mrs. J. H. Ludlow	19	108	127	127	65	13	50.31	
" Branch	F. N. Cone			30	20				
Zumbrota	Lewis Scofield	24	130	154	111	50		37.10	105.51
Zumbro Falls	Phoebe A. Daley	8	45	53	35	50			

Summary of Reports of Congregational Sunday Schools of Minnesota.

FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1898.

Number of officers and teachers, 2904; scholars, 22006; Total membership, officers, teachers, scholars and Home Department, 30364. Average weekly attendance, officers, teachers, scholars, and Home Department, 20031. Sunday school attend preaching service, 44 per cent. United with the church, 258. Total Benevolences, $1,703.85. Self-support, $7,110.38. Total money raised by school. $8.814.23.

Ministerial Record.

NOTE.—Names starred (*) indicate that they are Congregational Ministers but do not hold membership in Minnesota.

If any name has been omitted that should appear here report the same to the State Secretary, Rev. S. W. Dickinson, Zumbrota.

Ahnstrom, Jonas M	Minneapolis.
Albert, John H	Sedalia, Mo.
Anderson, Emil A	Lake City.
Appelman, Hiram H	Stillwater.
Bassett, Franklin H	New Brighton.
Battey, Richard H	Minneapolis.
Beach, David N., D. D	Denver, Col.
Betts, Eben M	Minneapolis.
*Bentley, Frank D	Duluth.
Bird, Martin B	Brainerd.
Biscoe, George S	Cottage Grove.
*Bjorklund, Ernest V	Kasota.
*Bjuge, Carl B	Minneapolis.
Black, George D	Minneapolis.
Blackwell, William	Sleepy Eye.
Bolin, Nels J	Upsala.
Bown, Frank A	Walker.
*Breed, Reuben L	Wabasha.
*Brooks, Edward L	Detroit City.
Brown, Frank J	Plainview.
Brown, Richard	Minneapolis.
Brown, William J	Glenwood.
Carter, Elijah	Edgerton.
Carter Fernando B	Mason City, Ia.
Chandler, Joseph H	Owatonna.
Chaney, Lucian W	Dundas.
Chase, Ezra B	Lake City.
Chase, Henry L	Minneapolis.
Chevis, Ernest C	Staples.
*Clark, Allen G	Coss Lake.
Colwell, Henry L	Minneapolis.
Conard, William J	Park Rapids.
Cotton, Harry A	Park Rapids.
Cram, Delbert W	Lyle.
Crane, Edward P	Pelican Rapids.
Cross, Roland S	Winthrop.
Danford, James W	Brownton.
*Davis, Albert A	Lakeland.
Davis, David, D	St. Louis Park.
Derome, Jules A	Mapleton.
Libble, William L	Gutherie, Okl.
Dickerman, Josiah P	Worthington.
Dickinson, Samuel W	Zumbrota.
Donovan, David	Princeton.
Drew, James B	West Mansville, Mass.
Duncan, Calvin W	Dexter.
*Baker, John A	Waseca.
Earl, James	Granite Falls.
Edmands, T. Merrill	Mankato.
Emerson, Frederick C	Glen Ulin, N. D.
*Engstrom, Alfred P	Spencerbrook.
Fellows, Charles B	Minneapolis.
Ferguson, Frank P	Alexandria.
*Fish, Samuel B	Howley.
Fisher, Herman P	Crookston.
Fisher, Samuel V. S	Minneapolis.
Fisk, Pliny H	Edgerton.
Fisk, Wilbur	Freeborn.
Frost, Lewis C	Davison, Mich.
Fuller Americus	Aintab, Turkey.

Gallagher, George W.....Brainerd.
Gill, William.....River Falls, Wis.
Gleason, Herbert W.....Minneapolis.
Gray, William J.....Wis.
Griffith, William E.....Perham.

Hadden, Robert A.....Minneapolis.
Hall, Richard.....St. Paul.
Hallock, Leavitt H.....Minneapolis.
Hardcastle, William.....Minneapolis.
Harlow, Reuben L.....Park Rapids.
Harris, Charles B. Jr.....Provincetown, Mass.
Hart, Hastings H.....Chicago, Ill.
Hardwood, Clement M. G.....Fergus Falls.
Hendly, Harry B.....Minneapolis.
Herrick, Robert P.....Minneapolis.
*Hindley, George.....Elk River.
*Holmes, Henry.....Minneapolis.
Huntington, Prof. George.....Northfield.
Huntington, John C.....Minneapolis.

Ingersoll, Edward P.....Brooklyn, N. Y.
Ingham, J. Edward.....Sherburn
Iorns, Benjamin.....Fertile.

Jenkins, J. Alexander.....St. Paul.
Jenkins, William M.....Northfield.
Johnson, Harry W.....New Ulm.
Johnson, P. Adelstein.....Montevideo.
*Jones, John B.....Lake Crystal.
Jones, J. Lewis.....Appleton.
Jones, Robert G.....Lake Benton.
Josephson, Hans F.....Winona.

Keller, Lewis H.....Milwaukee.
Kimball, Jeremiah.....Duluth.

Latham, Ernest R.....
Lewis, T. Henry.....Barnesville.
Lewis, William W.....St. Paul.
Locke, J. Frank.....Round Prairie.
Lodwick, William.....Stewartville.
Loring, Levi.....Lake Park.
Lyon, Asa P.....New York City.
Lyon, Elic C.....Springfield.

McConnell, James B.....Northfield.
McGregor, Alexander.....St. Paul.
McPherson, James.....
Magnus, Prof. Daniel.....Northfield.
Martin, John L.....Wimbleton, N. D.
Mather, J. Bruce.....Minneapolis.
Mears, Charles L.....Excelsior.
Medlar, William H.....Alexandria.
Meske, Fred L.....Ortonville.
Merrill, Charles W.....Silverton, Col.
Michael, George.....Halstad.
Millard, Watson B.....Geneva, Ill.
*Milne, Alexander.....Duluth.
Minnis, Thomas M.....Grand Meadow.
Mullenix, Hannah M.....
Moody, Calvin B.....Minneapolis.
Moore, Frank L.....Minneapolis.
Morgan, David W.....Mason, N. H.
Morley, John H.....Minneapolis.
Morrison, George M.....Marshall.
Morton, George F.....

Nelson, Andrew G.....Center City.
Newell, William W.....St. Paul,
Northrop, George B.....
Nott, Jairus L.....Benson.
Nutting, George B.....Pelham, N. Y.

Oakey, James.....Robbinsdale.
Oehler, Frederick H.....New Richland.
Oehler, William.....St. Paul,
Okerstein, William.....Minneapolis.

Page, Charles B.....Buffalo, N. Y.
Palmer, Alice Ruth.....Wayzata.
Parsons, Henry W.....St. Paul.
Paul, Benjamin F.....
Pearson, Prof. Alfred H.....Northfield.
Pike, Alphens J.....Sauk Center.
Powell, Everett A.....
Pressey, Edwin S.....St. Anthony Park.
*Princell, John G.....Shafer.

*Ramsay, William G.....St. Charles.
Reitenger, Philip.....Silver Lake.
*Richardson, Frank H.....Hutchinson.
Ricker, George S.....Faribault.
Risser, Henry A.....St. Paul.
Roe, Alvah D.....Minneapolis.
Rogers, Enoch E.....Lamberton.
Rogers, Samuel G.....Minneapolis.
Rood, John S.....Moorhead.
Ruddock, Charles A.....St. Louis Park.
Ruddock, Edward N.....Villard.

Sanford, John S.....Anoka.
Searles, George R.....Hancock.
Shaw, George W.....Mass.
*Shrtleff, Ernest W.....Minneapolis.
Simpson, Samuel.....Chardon, O.
Smith, Daniel E.....
Smith, Esther.....Wadena.
Smith, G. Ernest.....Sauk Center.
Smith, James E.....Minneapolis.
Smith, John H. B.....Wadena.
Smith, Nathaniel.....Lake City.
Smith, Oscar M.....Java, N. Y.
Smith, Samuel G., D. D.....St. Paul.
Smith, Zwingle H.....Racine, Wis.
Soper, George E.....St. Paul.
Starr, Otis A.....Montevideo.
Stevens, Moody A.....Minneapolis.
*Stewart, William R.....Medford.
Strong, Pres. James W., D. D.....Northfield.
*Stutson, Henry H.....Winona.
Summer, Frederick A.....Little Falls.
Swain, Carl J.....Monticello.

Taintor, Jesse F.....Rochester.
Tebbets, Arthur H.....Dawson.
Todd, John W.....Glencoe.
Totten, Mathew J.....Moorhead.
Tracy, Isaac B.....St. Cloud.
Trchka, Charles J.....St. Paul.
Trussell, William P.....Champlin.
Turner, Tell A.....U. S. Army.

*Upton, Rufus P.....Ellsworth.
Updyke, Stephen G.....Minneapolis.

Walker, Cornelius E.....Sherburn.
Wallar, William C. A.....Mantorville.
Warren, Albert.....Lake Benton.
Warren, Willis A.....Spring Valley.
Washburne, Francis M.....Telluride, Col.
Watt, James.....Chokio.
Webber, Edwin E.....Centerville, S. D.
West, Lester L.....Winona.
Wheeler, Edward P.....Austin.
Wheelwright John B.....Minneapolis.
Whitcomb, William A.....Ada.
Williams, Mark W.....Big Lake.
Willcox, Charles E.....Biwabik.
Willson, Sherman B.....Faribault.
Wright, Cassin E., D. D.....Austin.
*Wright, William M.....New Paynesville.
Wrigley, Francis.....Campbell.

*Young, Arthur G.....Posston.

LICENTIATES.

Barnes, Albert B.	Clearwater.
Bosard, Wesley R.	Dodge Center.
Dyke, Thomas	Lake Stay.
Moore, W. Howard	Mogeppa.
Pinney, Ira B.	Lida.
Sammuels, Benjamin	Villard.
Watt, Richard	Graceville.
Wood, E. A.	Gorvin.

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Barlet, Harvey B.	Aitkin.
Dailing, May	McIntosh.
English, Isaac N.	Bertha.
Jones, J. Russell	LeRoy.
Kiene, Josiah L.	Mankato.
Oxley, Charles G.	Granada.
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SPRING TERM, from Wednesday, April 5th, to Wednesday, June 14th, 1899

ANNIVERSARY EXERCISES, June 9th to June 14th, 1899.

FALL TERM begins Wednesday, September 6th, 1899.

EXAMINATIONS to enter the Academy, the first afternoon of each term. Monday is the regular weekly holiday.

FOR CATALOGUE OR CIRCULARS, ADDRESS

James W. Strong, D. D., President.

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PROF. GEORGE HUNTINGTON.

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1900.

We present in this issue the faces of honored brethren who have done conspicuous service for Congregationalism in Minnesota.

Hon. Lyndon A. Smith, of Montevideo, Lieutenant-Governor of the State, and moderator of the last Association.

Prof. George Huntington, of Northfield, for many years professor of Rhetoric in Carleton College; well known for various articles in the press and as a writer on Congregationalism.

Rev. Jesse F. Taintor, for fourteen years the esteemed pastor of the church at Rochester, and host of the last Association meeting.

Rev. Wilbur Fisk, of Freeborn, who this year completes a term of twenty-five years service with that church, the longest continuous pastorate in the state, a record of faithfulness and usefulness.

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REV. S. W. DICKINSON, St. Paul.

NOTICES FOR 1900.

The next annual meeting will be held with the Congregational Church at Northfield, September 18th, 1900.

The sermon will be preached by Rev. Jesse F. Taintor, of Rochester.

Moderator, Rev. L. L. West, Winona.

Assistant Moderator, F. H. Carleton, Minneapolis.

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Auditor, Walter N. Carroll.

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VISITOR TO CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—Rev. R. L. Breed.

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ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.—Rev. H. B. Hendley, Rev. F. L. Moore.

ON PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL MATTER.—Rev. R. P. Herrick, Pres. James W. Strong, Rev. S. G. Smith, Rev. J. H. Morley, Rev. J. F. Taintor, Warren Upham.

MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The forty-fourth annual meeting of the GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA was held at Rochester, September 12, 1899, in the Congregational Church.

The Association was called to order by Rev. S. W. Dickinson, Secretary. After singing a hymn, Rev. E. F. Wheeler, of Austin, read the Scripture, and Rev. Wilbur Fisk, of Freeborn, offered prayer. The greetings of the city were tendered by Mayor J. A. Melone, the response on behalf of the Association was made by Rev. Geo. E. Soper, of St. Paul. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. Samuel J. Rogers, of Minneapolis, from I Cor. x: 21. A hymn was sung, announcements were made, after which the Association adjourned until Wednesday morning at nine o'clock.

Wednesday Morning.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Hon. Lyndon A. Smith. Rev. E. B. Chase was chosen Scribe and Rev. H. B. Hendley Assistant Scribe. Walter N. Carroll, Auditor.

The Roll when completed was as follows:

ROLL OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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Rev. L. Ward Brigham, - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
Rev. F. P. Leach, - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

The report of Secretary Dickinson was read and adopted.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

It is a pleasure to make herewith my tenth annual report as Secretary of this Association. The following churches have been added: Akeley, Bagley, Farris and Cass Lake, Dorset, Felton, Silver Lake, Shevlin, Sebeka Ulen Scandinavian, Gibbon, Lengly, Poplar, Carlos, Sacred Heart—14.

The late appearance of the minutes was compensated in part by the accuracy with which the statistics were compiled. Through conscientious persistency something was obtained from all but thirteen churches.

It seemed but just to the churches of the goodly State of Minnesota to be late—in this instance last—in reporting to the Year Book, rather than to have little more than half of them represented in the report, as would have

been the case had we closed the figures when local registrars had made their returns. We hope for better things next year, and admonish all Church Clerks to faithfully and religiously consider the grace of promptness.

We feel that our pages were particularly honored with the portraits of President James W. Strong, of Carleton College, President Cyrus Northrop, of the State University, and Rev. Robert McCune, lately deceased.

We were also permitted to give the portraits of two honored women: Miss Margaret J. Evans, of Carleton College, the first woman to be elected to corporate membership in the American Board, and Miss Frances C. Gage, so heroically associated with the work in Marsovan.

The work of churches during the past year has been hopeful and progressive, as will be seen by reports on the several departments.

The resignation of Hon. D. C. Bell as delegate, and F. W. Anderson as an alternate to the International Council was announced, and the matter referred to the nominating committee.

The Moderator named the following as the Committee on Nominations: Rev. G. W. Gallagher, Rev. S. V. S. Fisher, Rev. J. E. Ingham.

The Treasurer's report was read, which was received and referred to the auditor.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

S. W. Dickinson in account with the General Congregational Association of Minnesota for the year ending Sept. 12, 1899.

Cash on hand, September 23, 1898	$18.85
Received from the Conferences:	
Anoka	475.95
Central	143.07
Duluth	
Mankato	74.30
Minn. Valley	45.65
Northern Pacific	44.40
Owatonna	148.67
Western	49.85
Winona	95.45
Total	$1,096.59

1898.		
September 27.	Bill of Business Committee	$44.43
September 27.	Enrollment Cards Stationery for Association	2.55
September 28.	Treasurer National Council	50.00
October 5.	300 Financial Statements	1.62
October 25.	Kamman Printing Company	4.65
November 28.	Northwestern Congregationalist	50.00
November 28.	Treasurer's Receipt Book	1.50
1899		
January 31.	500 Manila Envelopes	1.55
January 31.	Rubber Stamp	.45
April 2.	Printing Minutes and Statistics	186.25
April 2.	Mailing and Express	19.02
April 2.	Distribution	5.00
September 4.	Treasurer National Council	500.00
September 4.	Postage, Stationery, Revenue Stamps	15.00
September 4.	Express, Telegrams, Exchange	2.89
September 4.	Salary Secretary and Treasurer	100.00
		$984.91
	Balance	111.68
	Total	$1,096.59

ASSETS.

Due from the Conferences on Assessments, 1898-1899:		
	Anoka	$282.00
	Central	8.73
	Duluth, 1898	36.10
	Duluth, 1899	36.45
	Mankato	40.00
	Minn. Valley	13.20
	Northern Pacific	45.65
	Winona	23.50
	Total	$485.63
Cash on hand		111.68
	Total Assets	$597.31

LIABILITIES.

Unpaid Dues to National Council, 2 cents per Member, 1899		$222.14
Extra half cent for Expenses of International Council		91.60
	Total	$313.74

Respectfully submitted with vouchers herewith.

S. W. DICKINSON,
Treasurer.

A motion prevailed authorizing the Treasurer to pay the half cent assessment to the National Council.

FINANCE AND PRINTING.

The Committee on Finance and Printing submit the following estimate of expenses for the ensuing year:

Printing Minutes and Statistics	$200.00
Wrapping, Mailing and Expressing same	45.00
Expenses of Committees	40.00
Postage and Stationery for State Secretary	15.00
Salary of Secretary and Treasurer	100.00
National Council	360.84
Total	$760.84

To meet the above expenses we recommend an assessment of five cents per member, apportioned among the Conferences as follows:

Anoka Conference	$389.45
Central Conference	75.95
Duluth Conference	36.35
Mankato Conference	69.00
Minnesota Valley Conference	32.05
Northern Pacific Conference	52.75
Owatonna Conference	124.25
Western Conference	38.20
Winona Conference	82.25
Total	$900.25

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. BLACK,
Chairman.

RELIGIOUS CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES.

The condition of the churches is set forth in detail in the following report, submitted by Rev. S. W. Dickinson, of St. Paul:

ANOKA CONFERENCE.

ANOKA reports good spiritual interest; has made needed repairs.
EXCELSIOR has had one of the best years in its history.
GLENCOE kept up the work well in all branches.

HUTCHINSON is enthusiastic in its interest, especially in missions.

MINNEAPOLIS.—The churches of this strong Congregational center have experienced many changes during the year, the pastors of First, Plymouth and Park having resigned. The first two are happily united under strong, efficient successors.

Pilgrim is doing a fine work and is crowded for room.

Vine is doing a solid, though quiet, work.

Como Avenue, another church with a new pastor, is anticipating better things.

Union is thoroughly united and hopeful.

Lyndale, still another church with a new pastor, with promise of success.

Fifth Avenue, located in a residence portion of the city, is adding to its chapel the main structure, and looks for a new era in its history.

Bethany has a financial struggle but brave and hopeful.

Robbinsdale and Mizpah have a new pastor and are earnestly pushing the work.

Lowry Hill hopes to have a new house of worship for their increasing congregation.

Forest Heights and Thirty-eighth Street are both prosperous, the latter very much needing better accommodations.

Of the St. Paul churches:

Plymouth is putting forth vigorous efforts in its difficult field.

Park, united and enthusiastic under its new pastor and winning its share of the people in that fine residence part of the city.

Pacific has lost its efficient pastor, as did

Olivet, during the year, and under the leadership of the present one is stirring itself for good things.

Bethany and South Park are happily yoked under one pastor and both are doing good work; also People's German and People's Hazel Park.

Atlantic, University Avenue, Silver Lake, Stillwater, with its new pastor, make encouraging reports.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

ALEXANDRIA, besides a vigorous year in home work along various lines reports especial progress in its out stations under the care of a separate pastor, Rev. F. P. Ferguson. Four points are sustained. At Carlos a church building will be dedicated about Oct. 1st. This is a union church, composed of German Lutheran, Scandinavian and branches of other branches of Mr. Ferguson's work. The contract has been let for a church building at Hudson, to cost $2.000, hoped to be ready for occupancy November 1st. Plans are on foot for church buildings at Lake May and Matoona.

BIG LAKE reports small gain in membership.

CLEARWATER has had ordination service of Rev. A. E. Barnes, and is happy and progressive under his ministry.

GLENWOOD reports large additions to membership, all departments flourishing.

GRAY EAGLE suffered for want of a pastor in early part of year.

HASTINGS in good working condition.

HUDSON not actively sustaining services, many members attending the Union Church on the Alexandria field.

LITTLE FALLS.—Congregations large, reports 23 additions.

MONTICELLO has repaired church building, better prospect than for many years.

ORROCK.—No special gain or loss.

PAYNESVILLE.—Conditions more hopeful than for many years, net gain in numbers 12.

PILLSBURY.—Without pastor part of the year.

ROUND PRAIRIE.—Faithfully maintaining such work as a country church can do.

ST. CLOUD.—Without pastor and discouraged.

ST. CLOUD AND SAUK RAPIDS.—Swedish, has had a hard financial struggle, is improving somewhat.

SAUK RAPIDS.—New pastor and some progress is being made.

SAUK CENTER sustains a net loss of 10 members, raised a debt of $900 on parsonage.

UPSALA is in a vigorous condition, has held special meetings.

VILLARD formed a C. E. Society; the town is picking up and harmony hoped for.

MANKATO CONFERENCE.

BELGRADE has prospered and is building a much needed parsonage; the pastor has been obliged to live six miles from the church because no suitable house could be found.

EDGERTON.—All departments of work show advance.

FAIRMONT.—Vacant part of the time; has gained 17 members and makes largest gain of any church in the conference.

FRAZER AND GRANADE have paid debts.

FREEDOM AND FREEBORN report increase in benevolence.

NEW RICHLAND.—Services well attended by young people of foreign parentage; has paid $800 for and has built a parsonage.

HARTLAND holds on but its future is uncertain.

MAPLETON has improved church property; the pastor, entering his fifth year, has the united support of the church.

SWEDISH CHURCH OF MANKATO AND KASOTA have had additions and are in excellent condition.

MANKATO suffers from removals but has had also valuable additions to the congregation. C. E. Society has increasing interest in missions. Church building was repaired this past summer.

SHERBURN is making, under the present pastor, substantial progress; debts have been wrestled with bravely and paid.

WASECA has found the right man and is ready to push the work.

WORTHINGTON, for several months without a pastor, has made large gains in membership.

The Conference as a whole reports three less resident members than last year.

MINNESOTA VALLEY CONFERENCE.

APPLETON.—Services well sustained; S. S. prosperous.

BENSON encouraged by addition of new families; all branches of work active, Ladies' Aid Society strong.

CAMPBELL has increased congregations and wide awake S. S.

TINTAH reports four new members.

CHOKIO is hopeful and steady in growth.

GRACEVILLE has had a successful year. Junior C. E. helps support the pastor.

GRANITE FALLS.—Live S. S. and prayer meeting, eleven united with the church, church building burned.

HANCOCK AND LAKE EMILY encouraged by new people coming into the vicinity of the former; both make a field for encouraging work.

MADISON.—Doing energetic Christian work, has a strong C. E. Society, a helpful aid society.

MONTEVIDEO.—Prayer meetings better attended than formerly, good congregations, and the church, with the town, having faith in the future of Windom Institute and is willingly bearing its share of the burden.

MORRIS.—Church has put in electric lights; has a hard working pastor and carries on all lines of church work.

ORTONVILLE.—Well organized, has improved church property $1,700, with a reading-room open every day, which is proving a success.

The Conference as a whole is in a good spiritual condition.

NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

ADA.—With much competition, is progressing and hopes to erect a new church building next year; is harmonious under a new pastor.

BARNESVILLE received 15 into membership—most of them on confession—the result of a series of meetings. The pastor has a class of boys and girls which meets once a week. The old parsonage has been sold and a new one built; as a railroad town it suffers from removals. The outside work at Prairie View has a good Sunday school and attendance at preaching service. A church building is needed.

BERTHA had three weeks' special meetings and everything is moving finely.

CROOKSTON.—A large influx of an indifferent population affords opportunities for new work; Sunday services well attended; S. S. efficient.

DETROIT.—During the interim of pastorates the C. E. Society had charge, very acceptably, of the morning service; under the new pastor the services have increased in interest and attendance.

FOSSTON, with some discouragements, is going on steadily.

FERGUS FALLS paid all expenses and had $250 over; benevolence better than last year; intends to use envelope system for benevolence. Congregations increased. "A glorious revival," says the pastor, "would cure all our troubles."

FERTILE.—Church made an active fight against the saloon with a splendid victory; has paid old debts; the ladies' union put in new pews.

A church edifice has been built at Beltrami; regular work and S. S. organized at Mapleburg.

GLYNDON in a prosperous condition.

HAWLEY.—Ladies' Aid Society has made repairs on church building and parsonage; the pastor holds an afternoon service at Muskoda; spiritual interest good.

MAPLE BAY reports only three members remaining; future uncertain.

MOORHEAD.—The missionary spirit an important feature. S. S. strong, offerings and benevolent societies increased. Hopes to build a house of worship next year.

PARK RAPIDS held special meetings in February with good results; has proposed to move and repair the church building; lost heavily by removals.

PELICAN RAPIDS called and ordained a new pastor (Mr. L. A. Salustrom); interest increasing.

LAKE PARK.—Left without a pastor; the church invited the veteran, faithful servant of God, Rev. Levi Loring, to preach, who providentially had made his home in the place, and his services have been most acceptable and profitable.

PERHAM has organized a Christian Endeavor Society which is doing good work; the church is not able to take an aggressive attitude, owing to frequent removals.

VERNDALE.—Church coming out of a state of indifference and new interest manifested, making effort to become self-supporting.

WADENA held revival meetings and feels the influence on prayer meetings, S. S. and Y. P. S. C. E.; financial condition better than ever before in its history.

WEST DORA.—The population of this field is largely foreign, the constituency of the church greatly affected by removals; letters have been given to members to form a new church at Hesper, North Dakota; the church has a struggle for existence, but it exists, and with the magnificent faith it has possessed it will continue to exist.

OWATONNA CONFERENCE.

AUSTIN.—The several organizations of the church are working faithfully and prospect of steady increase seems good.

DEXTER divides its pastor's time with Rose Creek, is praying for the presence of the Holy Spirit; ladies have helped paint the church; they pay all running expenses.

GRAND MEADOW has had a good year and many lines of work increasing in interest.

CANNON FALLS speaks particularly of increased S. S. attendance and interest; this church has some valuable workers and might be strong. It has been difficult to maintain a prayer meeting. The pastor organized a "Workers' Conference." The program consists of a paper, with Scripture references and discussion, after a social intermission a season of song and prayer follows; the experiment to date of report was satisfactory.

FARIBAULT.—Pastor resigns; the year has been one of average prosperity.

LYLE.—Sunday school in best condition it has ever been, has been agitating systematic and proportionate giving; there are signs that this church which so recently was thought unable to sustain even a name, is to be a power in the community.

MANTORVILLE.—From material point of view the church has been prospered as never before. At the annual meeting it was voted to build a pastonage; the spiritual work of the church has gone steadily forward.

MORRISTOWN is faithfully holding its own, with some discouragement; divides its pastor's time with Waterville.

OWATONNA has lost and just called a pastor, has a prosperous S. S., has a home department of 18 names; 26 were received into the church during the year.

NORTHFIELD.—This strong church with 500 members, in a college town, has unusual opportunities and fully equals its opportunities. Its faithful pastor is supported by an earnest, efficient band of workers; without exceptional religious interest during the year, there were accessions at all of the six communions. The benevolences have been well maintained, the church raising the apportionment made by the American Board and the Sunday School and Publishing Society. It expects every resident member to contribute something. The church exterior and interior have been redecorated and improved.

SPRING VALLEY has fully recovered from the drawing off of a small portion of its membership two years ago; services well attended, and there are gleams of encouragement.

ROSE CREEK has held its own and is hoping for the future.

WELCH has taken on new life. Last winter a series of meetings were held by the Cannon Falls pastor, who supplies them alternate Sunday afternoons; a vigorous and helpful prayer meeting is maintained. The young people's meeting Sunday evenings takes the place of preaching services and has real spiritual vitality. But the future of the church is in doubt; Catholics are crowding Protestants out, many entire families expecting to move away.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

CORNISH without a church building has greatly enjoyed the privilege of the gospel with delightful fellowship, in a schoolhouse, has a good Sunday

HON. LYNDON A. SMITH.

school, an Endeavor society that conducts the evening service. The church is anxiously looking forward to the time when it can have a place of worship of its own.

CUSTER BETHEL church paid all debts and had 21 cents in the treasury; it has the support of liberal outside givers. It remembers the several societies in benevolence.

LAKE BENTON renovated house of worship and spiritually has held its own; prayer meetings live and well attended.

LAMBERTON has a growing constituency from which to draw; the town is growing. The results of patient, faithful pastoral work are beginning to appear.

MARSHALL voted its pastor three months' vacation on account of health. The work of the church has gone on without interruption, and united prayers are offered for the power that is from on high.

NEW ULM gives to all the benevolent societies; has hold upon an unusual number of young men. The Christian Endeavor society is doing good work that will appear in time.

SELMA has had an average year, paying a considerable amount to the church building society.

SLEEPY EYE under faithful preaching of the word, the church in all departments is in a good spiritual condition.

SPRINGFIELD has improved interior of the church; has the generous support of many Christian people who have not as yet seen fit to unite with the church, but it is hoped will in the future.

WALNUT GROVE.—This church was revived a year ago. Four aged members were led to witness a good confession through the efforts of a student from Carleton College and the present pastor; a Sunday School was organized with 63 enrolled; a Christian Endeavor Society with 35 members, and 14 have been added to the church, 11 on confession of faith. The church building and parsonage have been repaired, their improvements costing $75; it contributed to the six societies; a branch Sunday school has been started in the country.

WINTHROP is happily united in the present pastor; Sunday school and Junior Endeavor have largely increased in interest; Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society have done especially good work.

GARVIN has steadily kept up the work in all lines.

WINONA CONFERENCE.

The reports from the churches indicate a general condition of prosperity and growth.

LAKE CITY, Rochester, Wabasha and Winona have maintained all branches of regular work, and in some instances with increased interest. The two Swedish churches, Lake City and Winona, report a deep spiritual life among the people.

ST. CHARLES has taken on new life. Mazeppa and Zumbro Falls have unusual prosperity; Wiscoy has only a name—the work just now being

carried on by the Methodists. Plainview has lost its pastor, as has Stewartville. Winona Second lost and gained a pastor. Zumbrota gained and lost a pastor, and has just called another.

Secretary Dickinson gave a brief summary of the report and expressed the opinion that the present condition is exceedingly hopeful and encouraging.

A half hour in prayer for the work in the state followed this report, led by Rev. Wm. M. Jenkins.

On the ruling of the Moderator the selection of place and preacher of the next meeting was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Waltrer N. Carroll, from the standing committee, made the following report on the condition of Windom Institute, at Montevideo:

WINDOM INSTITUTE.

To the State Association of Congregational Churches of Minnesota:

Dear Brothers:—Your committee appointed two years ago to have charge of the finances of Windom Institute, and continued at the last session of the Association, presents the following report:

So far as Windom Institute is concerned, it will start school year free of debt, except the mortgage of $4,000. It is right to state, however, that about $600 of the pledges made in 1897 are still unpaid, but have been assumed by the committee and will be met without further recourse to the Institute or its friends.

In estimating for the coming year it is evident that the income of the institution will not cover its expenses by, as closely as we can estimate, about $1,000. This amount the committee recommend be raised upon a similar plan to that carried out during the past year, namely, by co-operative work with the Congregational Educational Society. The plan has proved quite successful during the year that is past, and we believe that contributions of this kind will stimulate the interest of our churches in the Society as well as in the Institute itself.

The committee desire to return their hearty thanks to the members of our churches who have responded to their appeal during the past two years, and in conclusion we make the following recommendation:

First, That the Association commend the cause of the Institute to our churches as worthy of a further investigation and material assistance in the apportionment of their benevolent contributions. Also that the Association shall endorse the plan presented of a co-operation with the Congregational Education Society by directing the application of collections made for that Society to the benefit of Windom Institute.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the committee.

This report was supplemented by remarks from Mr. Carroll and from the Moderator, who, as a resident of Montevideo, testified as to the excellent work of this institution. The report was adopted.

The report on Carleton College was given by Rev. S. J. Rogers, and in the absence of President Strong, Professor Horace Goodhue, Dean of the Faculty, spoke of the financial and educational standing of the college, and the work accomplished. In the absence of other manuscripts, we print the following, just received from President Strong:

CARLETON COLLEGE.

From the beginning the aim of Carleton College has been two-fold, thorough scholarship and right moral character. Its curriculum is substantially the same as that of the best American colleges. Lowell has said: "The mission of the college is to maintain higher ideals of life and its purpose." That Carleton has been realizing her mission the consecrated lives and noble work of her graduates abundantly prove. More than ninety per cent have gone out Christian men and women and have become centers of right moral influence. Ten per cent of those who have been graduated five years are presidents, professors or instructors in colleges. Thirty-one are clergymen in twelve states and seven denominations. Twenty-five are lawyers. More than three score are teachers or superintendents of schools. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

Carleton College presents a rare record of faith, devotion and achievement. From the beginning, the divine blessing has most manifestly rested upon it. Extensive grounds, buildings, museums, libraries and laboratories have been secured. The educational work has never been so extended nor its Christian influence so full of promise as at present. Shall it now go forward and upward or backward and downward?

Dean Horace Goodhue spoke of the financial condition and educational standing of the College.

A letter was received announcing the death of the child of Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Eaken, of Waseca.

The report of Rev. C. D. Moore, visitor to Chicago Theological Seminary, was read.

The report of the Committee on Sunday School Work was read by Bro. L. E. Jepson.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Summary of reports for the year:

Total membership	30,364
Average attendance	20,031
Amount raised for self-support	$7,110.38
Total benevolences	$1,703.85
Total number reported uniting with the church	258
New schools started	35
Schools reorganized	14

The substantial and encouraging work of our Sunday schools is found in our large number of schools and membership.

In taking a retrospective survey of our work for the past decade, we find that in 1889 our total membership was 20,900, and in 1899 it was 30,364, an increase of about 10,000 in these ten years. But while we have been making such satisfactory increase in numbers, it is to be regretted that our contributions to benevolences have continuously diminished, for in 1889 we find from the annual report the sum of $4,433.45, and ten years later, or in 1899, $1,703.85. There may be mitigating circumstances, but the fact remains that we are letting this part of our work decline, and these last few years have lacked our former enthusiasm in behalf of those outside of ourselves and especially our own benevolent societies.

Just a mere mention of some practical things: Hold a short session; more schools are injured by long sessions than any other one thing. Vary the opening and closing exercises; sameness and monotony lower the interest of the school. Run the school on a straight, business-like financial basis. In city schools the weekly collection should be deposited in the bank every Monday morning and all bills paid by check.

Keep the school out of debt, and a financial statement should be made to the entire school the first of every month, and the school will never lack ample funds from its weekly collection for all purposes.

Make all necessary preparation for the observance of Rally Day, Sept. 24th. Write letters of invitation to all irregular and absent scholars. Make the day a large occasion and the beginning of a larger and more productive work throughout our state. Let us endeavor, not only to increase our schools in number and membership and methods in all material ways, but also to make them evangelistic and spiritually helpful and instrumental in leading the young to a personal knowledge of a personal Savior and eventually into our church membership.

Rev. R. P. Herrick, superintendent, submitted the following report:

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

The year just closed has been unusually prolific in opportunities for new work. The railroad building in northern Minnesota, in progress when we

met in Owatonna, opened many new towns for us in that section. Not only were new stations opened, but many older places were stimulated into new growth in the northern section by this evidence of business confidence in that part of the state.

Supt. Stickney, Mr. Conard and Mr. Baine, the Norwegian missionary, were moving constantly among these new communities, organizing Sunday schools, counselling about religious work, stimulating the desire for a church organization, helping with plans for building, and preaching Jesus Christ as the Savior of men.

Out of this work, done always with the hearty co-operation of the Home Missionary Society, has come a permanent result far greater than our faith. Nine new Congregational churches admitted into the Northern Pacific Conference at one time, testify to the wisdom of this missionary effort undertaken by the two societies and cordially assisted by the Building Society. The untiring labors of Supt. Stickney in this large field and the unrequited work of Rev. William J. Conard should receive public acknowledgment before this Association.

Rev. John F. Okerstein has labored principally in Swedish-American communities in central Minnesota along the Soo, Great Northern, and Eastern Minnesota railroads. Leaving the railroad at Kimball, he spent several weeks in visiting the Scandinavian farmers in their homes, where the conversation was always gently led around to God's Word. Then in the evening, lamps would be carried to the school house and a direct Gospel address given, followed by an after talk with the people. This, indeed, is the general method of his work, the value of which is very apparent as one watches it through the twelve months. About a dozen Sunday schools and an occasional church are the visible outcome of such work each year, while the homes brightened, and the hearts cheered, and sinners pointed to the way everlasting, are only set down in the "Lamb's Book of Life." It seems particularly appropriate that the women of our state should have the support of a work that finds its mission so largely in the home.

Rev. John C. Huntington worked in the state only two months of the Association year. His work in southern Minnesota could not have been better timed had we known of the extensive railroad building which was to change that part of the state the present year.

Mr. Huntington undertook the Sunday school missionary work six years ago and has continued in it most of the time since. There are scores of communities which have been incited by him to establish the institutions of religion. His genial manner and sincere Christian life left their impress wherever he went. His promotion to the superintendency of the work of the Sunday School Society in Louisiana and Texas is a deserved recognition of his work among us.

It may be worth noting in passing that the superintendent for Kansas and Missouri, Rev. W. L. Sutherland, similarly went from his missionary work in Minnesota to the important superintendency which he now holds.

Rev. Ezra C. Lyons, long and favorably known among us, was asked by the Home Missionary and the Sunday School Societies to take up gen-

eral work in southern Minnesota. In this section, the St. Louis, the Omaha, the Northwestern and the Milwaukee railroads are building north and west, each road scrambling for new territory.

Twenty years ago Congregationalists had an opportunity to do their share of work in this section, but the Northern Pacific region was occupying them and our work in southwestern Minnesota has been, unfortunately, isolated and, consequently, weak for the most part. Providentially, a second opportunity has come to us in which, with perfect observance of comity, we may lay foundations in that section of the state. Our pastors in Western and Mankato Conferences are anxious to promote this work, and are giving most valuable service in the new towns adjacent to their fields.

In statistics, which tell only part of the story, the year's work sums up as follows:

Sunday school organized	35
Sunday schools reorganized	14
Sunday schools visited	198
Superintendents and pastors visited	368
Conventions attended	12
Other meetings attended for the work	302
Addresses and sermons by workers	938
Miles traveled in doing this work	32,400

With several noble exceptions, the gifts to this work are not equal to the ability of the churches or the results obtained. Minnesota was only second to Oregon in the amount of new work reported in March. But the gifts to this work from all sources were but little in excess of $1,000. We ought to raise, by enlarged gifts from our churches, at least $2,000 for this work before March 1st, 1900.

We bespeak the co-operation of every pastor toward this result.

Rev. S. W. Dickinson, the newly elected field secretary for the Northwest, of the American Bible Society, presented the claims of the work.

After singing a hymn followed a discussion of the general topic: "Teaching the Sacred Scriptures," conducted by Rev. T. Merrill Edmands, a recess was taken until two o'clock in the afternoon.

Wednesday Afternoon.

The time from two until three o'clock was taken by the Woman's Home Missionary Union, Miss Catherine W. Nichols presiding.

At three o'clock the work of the American College and Education Society was presented by Rev. Theodore Clifton.

At half past three the Association gave way to the annual meeting of the Minnesota Home Missionary Society.

Wednesday Evening.

At 7:30 the Association united in a half hour service of praise and prayer, led by Rev. H. B. Hendley. The pastor of the church announced that a reception would be given the Association at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Gooding at the close of the evening service.

The nominating committee named as the committee on resolutions, Rev. F. L. Moore, Rev. E. F. Wheeler, Deacon D. C. Bell; on Place and Preacher, Rev. J. H. Sammis, Rev. F. A. Sumner, Deacon Wm. Cheney and they were elected.

Rev. N. H. Burdick was presented and brought the greetings of the Presbyterian Church. After a selection by the choir, Rev. L. H. Hallock made an address on "The Constructive Power of Righteousness." After singing and the benediction, adjourned until Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

Thursday Morning.

Prayer was offered by Rev. P. A. Johnson. Bro. P. J. Sheldon and Rev. R. A. Hadden were appointed to fill vacancies in the committee on Place and Preacher and Rev. S. J. Rogers on resolutions.

The proposed amendment to Article 5 of the Constitution was taken up and it was voted to lay the amendment on the table.

The following were named and chosen committee on Windom Institute: Rev. L. H. Hallock, Rev. J. W. Todd, Rev. F. H. Richardson.

On Foreign Missions: Rev. T. Merrill Edmands, Rev. C. L. Mears, Rev. Geo. E. Smith, Rev. A. H. Tebbets, Rev. J. H. B. Smith, Rev. W. R. Bosard, Rev. E. B. Chase, Rev. Jeremiah Kimball.

Judge R. D. Russell was chosen delegate to International Council in place of Deacon D. C. Bell, and C. F. Jackson alternate.

On Business: Harrington Beard, Rev. W. C. A. Wallar, F. C. Sawyer.

On Finance and Printing: Deacon W. F. Black, Deacon C. J. Hunt, Rev. J. H. Sammis.

On Sunday School: L. E. Jepson, Rev. E. F. Wheeler, Rev. Henry Holmes.

On Preservation of Historical Matter: Rev. R. P. Herrick, Pres. James W. Strong, Rev. S. G. Smith, Rev. J. H. Morley, Rev. J. F. Taintor, Warren Upham.

On Ministerial Relief: Rev. H. B. Hendley, Rev.F. L. Moore.

On Temperance: Rev. R. H. Battey, Deacon D. C. Bell, L. E. Jepson, Rev. J. A. Eaken, Rev. Geo. E. Soper, Rev. H. P. Bortel.

To Visit Carleton College: Rev. D. D. Davis, Rev. F. A. Sumner, Rev. R. L. Breed, Rev. Alexander Milne, Hon. Lyndon A. Smith, Rev. J. H. B. Smith, Rev. E. F. Wheeler, Rev. H. W. Johnson, Rev. H. P. Fisher.

The Committee on Preservation of Historical Matter reported through Rev. R. P. Herrick.

Secretary S. W. Dickinson called the attention of the Association to the unusual delay in getting reports from the churches last year, a few delinquent ones being the occasion of the lateness of issuing the statistics, and recommended that a time limit be set. It was accordingly voted that reports must be returned on or before March 1st, otherwise the delinquent churches will be omitted.

It was voted that the Finance Committee on Windom Institute be continued.

Rev. T. Merrill Edmands reported for the committee on Systematic Beneficence.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

The work of the committee the past year has been done by agitation and personal work at the Local Conferences. In a part of the state the churches have been grouped and placed under the care of some one pastor as suggested by the Committee of the National Council. We believe that the matter of benevolence lies largely with the pastors and that if they are informed and enthusiastic, the churches will become so. The plans proposed of visiting local churches have not been carried out by the committee for the reason that pastors are almost all agreed that it is impossible to get out audiences except on Sunday. The larger churches as a rule are informed and give to all the societies. The members of the committee have neither the time nor money to visit the smaller churches. The work of arousing interest must be done by the pastors. Perhaps in the long run it is best that it should be

so. The place to arouse the pastors is at the Local Conferences where they are brought into the closest touch with each other and the needs of particular fields.

The committee has no recommendation further than what has been implied, that each pastor and delegate earnestly ask himself if he is doing what he can. Many small yoked fields cannot be expected to give much, but education in the way of our missions is a part of the preaching of the Gospel to the present time; it increases faith in the Gospel and stirs up loyalty to the churches of our order.

Some figures taken from the report of the churches are of interest. There is always a suspicion that in some cases churches are not correctly reported. There is still a difference of practice in reporting the repayment of loans to Church Building Society, some reporting as benevolence, others as expense. The total amount of Benevolences reported last year was $33,403, a decrease of $1,234.

There was an increase in amount given to foreign and home mission and Church Building Society. Decrease in amount given to Educational and to the A. M. A.

The amount credited to Education was unusually large in 1897, owing to the special effort for Windom Institute, so the falling off does not mark a real decline in contributions.

The decrease last year is accounted for in part by the fact that fewer churches reported last year, 173 compared with 187 the year before. Nearly $500 of the decrease was in the First church, Minneapolis, about $450 Como Avenue, due in both cases, I think, to an interval between pastorates. Last year 51 churches, many of them small stations and some foreign speaking churches, either did not report or gave nothing.

In 1896 more churches gave to all the societies than ever before. The following shows the record of 1898 in comparison with 1896:

No. giving to 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 Societies:

1896: 15-20-35-25-18-47.

1898: 24-25-30-26-21-40.

With the present good times we ought to bring the benevolences up to high water mark. Will the church and pastor strive to do this?

It was voted to consolidate the committee on Systematic Beneficence with the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The resolution in the report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Rev. R. H. Battey reported for the Committee on Temperance.

FREE PARLIAMENT.

A free parliament was conducted by Rev. C. B. Moody, in which a number of brethren took part.

Rev. J. P. Dickerman gave an address on the "Personal Use of the Bible."

An hour of devotion, led by Prof. George Huntington, closed the morning session.

Thursday Afternoon.

The first hour was taken by the Woman's Board of Missions for the Interior, in charge of Mrs. H. G. Webster.

At three o'clock the Association resumed business. The Committee on Resolutions reported

ON THE DEATH OF JAMES GOLDSBURY.

Resolved, That in the sudden removal to the home above of James Goldsbury, for many years a faithful deacon in Plymouth and Lowry Hill churches, of Minneapolis, we bow in humble submission to the providence of God. We shall ever think of him as one devoted to his Master and willing to serve in lowly fields with a cheerful and unworldly spirit. We extend our tender sympathy to his widow and children in their sorrow.

NORTHWESTERN CONGREGATIONALIST.

Resolved, That the Association heartily re-endorses the Northwestern Congregationalist, commends the improvements made in the paper during the year and recommends it to the patronage of the churches.

WINDOM INSTITUTE AND EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

"Resolved, That the work of raising money for Windom Institute be delegated to the Western Secretary of the Congregational Education Society and the finance committee appointed by the association; that the first $1,000 shall be applied to the running expenses of Windom Institute; and that any money in excess of such amount shall go to the general work of the Education Society, unless otherwise specified.

"Recognizing the important work which the Education Society is doing in the field of Christian education, we earnestly express the hope that the gifts of the churches will be largely in excess of the needs at home and that we shall have a substantial surplus available for the work of the society at large."

TEMPERANCE.

1. Resolved, That as Congregationalists we hail with joy the progressive movement of co-operation of the churches of various denominations in aggressive temperance work.

2. That we heartily commend the Anti-Saloon League work and will give it its merited assistance in agitation, legislation and law enforcement against the saloon.

3. That we commend the efforts of the W. C. T. U. and other temperance societies in their work to protect the young from the ravages of strong drink.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That this Association express its thanks to the mayor and citizens of Rochester for the cordial welcome they have extended the Association to their beautiful city; to the members of sister churches in Rochester who have opened their homes and hearts in most kind hospitality in entertaining the delegates; to the pastor of this church and his wife who have given us such warm greeting in both the church and their home; to this church which has received us in Christian love and has been so efficient in providing every comfort to the large delegation; to the choir and singers who have made the music both spiritual and helpful; to the railroad companies for the courtesies extended; to the newspapers of Rochester for their kindness in printing reports and notices, and to the Presbyterian church for kindly opening their church for the women's meetings.

The Auditor reported that he had examined the Treasurer's accounts and found the same correct. He recommended that the Auditor be elected at the same time with other officers of the Association, and that the Treasurer furnish the churches with appropriate blank forms for making remittances, with a stub to be filled out and forwarded to the Auditor at the same time. The report was adopted.

Northfield was chosen as place of the next meeting and Rev. J. F. Taintor, of Rochester, preacher.

Voted to adopt the recommendation of the Temperance Committee to create a permanent committee on Temperance and the Temperance Committee already appointed be made such. That Revs. Eaken and Bartel serve one year, that Deacon Bell and L. E. Jepson serve two years and that Revs. Battey and Soper serve three years.

The following persons were made honorary members (see roll):

On motion the following resolution was taken from the table and passed, being a recommendation of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence:

Resolved, That the General Congressional Association of Minnesota is in hearty sympathy with the recent agitation in favor of a closer federation of the Congregational Benevolent Societies engaged in home work.

That, We believe that a readjustment and unification of the work of the societies would tend to greater efficiency and economy of administration, and to increase the confidence and gifts of the churches.

That, We urge upon the directors of the Home Societies that they confer together to devise some practical measure for this end to be presented for discussion by the churches at the next National Congregational Council.

The Nominating Committee named the following Committee of Arrangements for the next meeting: Rev. J. E. McConnell, Dean Horace Goodhue, Bro. Myron Skinner.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: for Moderator, Rev. Lester L. West, of Winona; F. H. Carleton, of Minneapolis, Assistant Moderator; Walter N. Carroll, Auditor.

The report of the Ministerial Relief Society was read by Rev. F. L. Moore and the following resolution, offered by the Trustees, was adopted:

"Resolved, That the trustees of the Ministerial Relief Society of Minnesota be authorized by the state association to incorporate under the laws of Minnesota so as to be able to hold property."

The Treasurer made the annual statement of the finances of the Relief Society.

Rev. N. H. Whittlesey spoke upon the work of the National Ministerial Relief Fund.

After singing a hymn the Communion address was given by Rev. C. E. Burton, the Communion service followed, Rev. David Donovan and Rev. R. L. Breed officiating. Deacons J. B. Locke, W. F. Black, H. A. Smith, G. H. Swasey assisting.

Thursday Evening.

A service of song was conducted by Rev. W. C. A. Wallar.

The Northwestern Congregationalist was authorized to issue special report of the meeting, for which the sum of fifty dollars was voted. On motion of Rev. S. J. Rogers the Secretary was instructed to send the greetings of the Association to Father Richard Hall and Rev. L. W. Chaney.

The first address of the evening was given by Rev. Alexander Milne, on "The New in the Old and the Old in the New." Rev. Theodore Clifton spoke on "A Great Necessity and its Fundamental Causes."

The Moderator expressed the thanks of the Association to the citizens of Rochester for their hospitality. After singing and prayer by Rev. S. J. Rogers, the Association adjourned.

LYNDON A. SMITH,
Moderator.

E. B. CHASE,
Scribe.

S. W. DICKINSON,
Secretary.

MINNESOTA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

President—1878-1900.....PRES. JAMES W. STRONG, Northfield.
Vice President—1899-1900.....HON. LYNDON A. SMITH, Montevideo.
Treasurer—
Auditor—1899-1900.....WALTER N. CARROLL, Minneapolis.

DIRECTORS.

C. W. HACKETT.....Term expires, 1900.
F. H. CARLTON.....Term expires, 1900.
R. D. RUSSELL.....Term expires, 1901.
L. E. JEPSON.....Term expires, 1901.
Rev. F. A. SUMNER.....Term expires, 1901.
W. H. LAIRD.....Term expires, 1902.
Rev. GEO. E. SOPER.....Term expires, 1902.

MINUTES.

The Minnesota Home Missionary Society was called to order Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 13, 1899, by the Moderator of the Association. On motion Hon. Lyndon A. Smith was elected Vice President of the Society and presided in the absence of the President. Rev. Geo. W. Gallagher, Rev. S. V. S. Fisher and Rev. J. E. Ingham were appointed Nominating Committee. Rev. E. B. Chase was chosen Scribe. Rev. H. B. Hendley, Assistant Scribe.

Voted to refer the matter of incorporation to the Board of Directors with power to act.

Rev. J. H. Morley presented his annual report as Treasurer and Superintendent Rev. James Earl, of Granite Falls, narrated the circumstances of the burning of their church and the effort to secure

funds for a new one. The Vice President followed with words of hearty approval of the appeal of the Church for help.

Rev. L. H. Hallock announced the gift of a new pulpit, Rev. D. W. Cram, that of a dozen lamps.

The Nominating Committee reported the following list of officers for the ensuing year: Pres. James. W. Strong, Treasurer; Auditor, Walter N. Carroll.

Directors for three years, W. H. Laird, Rev. Geo. E. Soper; Judge R. D. Russell to fill the unexpired term of Rev. D. N. Beach.

By vote the Scribe was authorized to cast the vote of the Society for the above and they were elected. The Society adjourned.

LYNDON A. SMITH,
Vice President.

E. B. CHASE,
Scribe.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Rev. J. H. Morley, Superintendent.

One hundred and twenty-one missionaries have supplied for the whole or a part of the year one hundred and forty-one churches and fifty-three out-stations. To these churches there have been added six hundred and seventy members, of whom four hundred and twenty-one came upon confession of faith and two hundred and forty-nine by letter. Four hundred and ninety-six have begun the Christian life. These churches have given for running expenses $41,148 and $2,870 for benevolent objects.

NEW MEN.

From Hartford Seminary, P. W. Yarrow accepts a call to Fosston, where he has been ordained, and S. A. Chase supplied for two months at McIntosh, and is now visiting other churches. From Yale Seminary Ira B. Pinney supplies a circuit about West Dora and Geo. A. Briggs a field north of Staples. Donald G. Colp takes his old charge at Kragness in connection with Plymouth Church, Fargo. From Chicago Seminary Benj. Samuel is doing good work on the hard field at Villard. From Hamilton Seminary Geo. A. Wickwire has accepted a call to Aitkin. From Ohio we have F. D. Bentley at the Morley church, Duluth, where, however, he has just resigned; and E. L. Brooks at Detroit. From the A. M. A. work at the South H. B. Bortel goes to the People's Church at Brainerd, where he has been ordained. From other work in Minnesota W. F. Trussel goes to the Sec-

ond Church, Winona; L. A. Sahlstrom, to Pelican Repids, where he has been recently ordained, and A. Clark to Cass Lake; F. O. Krause, a Minnesota man who has been in Washington for two years, is at Appleton; E. E. Cram, a graduate of Carleton College, who has taught and been in business for a few years, has taken the Pillsbury group of churches, and we believe will solve the vexed problem of that field. These men, sixteen in number, are all of Congregational antecedents and seven come direct from theological seminaries. C. M. Smythe comes from the Methodist work to Verndale.

LEFT THE WORK.

Wm. Lodwick returns to Berea College; M. B. Bird goes to Y. M. C. A. work at Waukesha, Wis.; James Watt goes to another denomination; D. Donovan, J. E. Ingham, E. C. Chevis and H. H. Appelman go to self-supporting churches in the state. W. M. Wright, of New Paynesville, coming to us lately from the Methodists by way of a Congregational church in Wisconsin, has been called to the church triumphant. He has been in commission during the year, but his church was self-supporting at the time of his death.

GENERAL MISSIONARIES.

Messrs. C. B. Fellows, J. C. Huntington, A. G. Nelson and J. F. Okerstein have done valuable service. Upon the departure of J. C. Huntington on account of failure of health, he was succeeded by F. C. Lyons as pastor-at-large in southwestern Minnesota. Especial mention should be made of the servicese of Rev. E. H. Stickney, of North Dakota, who in his position of general missionary of the Sunday School Society for northern Minnesota, has done invaluable service all along the lines of church extension.

STUDENT WORK.

From Hartford Seminary J. M. Trout has supplied West Duluth; from Chicago W. A. Snow has occupied Sacred Heart. From Carleton College we have had H. J. Jager at Walnut Grove, E. G. Toan at Beltrami and Lockhart, C. H. Maxwell at Lake Stay and Chas. Culver at Center Chain. From the State University Peter Hanson preached to the little church at Felton. W. H. Hubbel, of Fargo College, supplied Kragness during the winter. With one exception the students have worked for small pay, some receiving only what the field offered them. For the most part their service has been efficient.

NEW CHURCHES.

The completion of the Great Northern Railway from Duluth to Crookston opened a large tract of second grade land for settlement. From Crookston east to Fosston we have long had a growing work. It has not always been efficiently managed on account of the difficulty of securing pastors.

REV. J. F. TAINTOR.

Still the work amid unfavorable environments has grown. The opening of the railway has given fresh life to these towns to the east of Crookston, and this year the Northern Pacific Conference was royally entertained at Fosston, which a few years ago was a struggling hamlet and is now a town of a thousand inhabitants. East of Fosston we have organized churches at Bagley, Shelvin, Farris and Cass Lake, with Sunday schools and prospective churches at other points, caring for all the towns from Cass Lake to Crookston, with the exception of one supplied by the Presbyterians. Of the heroism of Pastor C. F. Blomquist, of Fosston, who for several weeks supplied many of these points in connection with services in his own church; of the hold which, through the Scandinavian nationality, he gained upon the Scandinavian people, numerous in this region; of his efficiency at Fosston in securing the complete remodeling of his building and then giving up his church to a graduate from Hartford Seminary, himself taking a much poorer and harder field with the new churches; of the trials of the Cass Lake church, supplied by Allan Clark, who with his people have not known from day to day whether they would be allowed to hold the town site; of the portable parsonage erected there through the generosity of ladies of the Anoka Conference, and of the determination of pastor and people to hold on and to build a church, sure that on the shore of the beautiful lake there will some time be a town; of these and many other deeds of self-sacrificing loyalty to the Master time would fail to give the details.

Another railway line has been completed from Park Rapids to Walker. This runs from Sauk Center through Wadena to Park Rapids and Walker. We have long had churches in most of the towns of any size between these two points. Our little church at Walker on the beautiful lake which was the scene of the Indian scare a year ago is well known to us all, our Sunday schools assisting in supporting the pastor and our ladies in building the church. At Sebeka, Dorset and Akeley we have organized churches, thus completing the line from Wadena to Walker. The foregoing churches, with one exception, are all in towns that have sprung up since the state meeting at Owatonna, one year ago. At Felton, where a Sunday school and sporadic religious services have been held for some time, a church has been organized.

The first station east of Granite Falls, on the H. & D. railway, is Sacred Heart, a thriving town of a few hundred inhabitants, largely Scandinavian and maintaining no English-speaking service. From time to time we have held services there and conferred with the people as to the possibility of stablishing a church. This summer W. A. Snow, one of the best men in the middle class of Chicago Seminary, offered to try the field, provided the bare expenses of his coming could be met. We were not able to promise anything more than this. He came to the place; in a short time made the acquaintance of every family in the place; found some opposition, but on the whole a desire for our services; gathered a church of seven members, refusing to organize a larger church with an unregenerate membership; started church building, and left the work well organized for his successor, if we can find him. At present we are supplying Sacred Heart from Granite Falls;

but the pastor rides twenty-five miles to supply Belview and seems to have his hands full without Sacred Heart. At Gibbon and out-station from Winthrop, where we have maintained services irregularly for years, R. S. Cross, pastor at Winthrop, organized a church of seven members, the little church at Cornish coming over in a body to welcome the new church into Congregational fellowship. These two towns, Sacred Heart and Gibbon, are types of communities in which Congregationalism has a call to work. People of several nationalities, sprinkled with an American element, containing, in this mixed population, members of various different denominations, need an American church. For the sake of making the people homogenous, for the sake of bringing them a more spiritual religion than they have enjoyed in their own churches; for the sake of uniting the majority of Christian people in one church, we enter such a community, sure that if we plant a Congregational church which lives we give to the people a life which, without us, they will not have. In these two towns we have organized such churches this year.

At Winthrop, years ago, a church was organized under similar conditions, which has had some influence in moulding the community and gives promise of results to be secured in Gibbon and Sacred Heart. Let me now take you to a little farming community north of Staples on the Northern Pacific railway. It is settled by Americans. A few miles distant there is another similar community. The people applied last year for a pastor. In the spring Geo. A. Briggs, of Yale Seminary, traveled on foot from one school house to another, and has gathered a little church of fifteen members at Ellis. At Ulen a Swedish church of twenty members has been formed. The last church to be mentioned, which, however, was the first formed during the year, is at Nassau, a little town on the South Dakota border, where Thos. Thompson, of South Dakota, organized a church of eighteen members in a town otherwise unsupplied and ministered to them for one year.

To organize these twelve churches and to supply them all with preaching in the face of reduced appropriations has required care, many visits from abroad and an optimistic courage. To care for them in the future is no easy task. For a little church organized in one of these frontier towns has not sure promise of life. Indeed one inexperienced in such matters might visit one of these towns a few days after church organization and find little trace of church organization. If it is left alone some other denomination may offer better facilities. If a house is not erected, if a pastor is not secured, its life will be precarious. I have seen the members of a church all move out of town so that not a single residing member was left. Then some conference committee would want to drop the church from the rolls. But a Congregational church properly shepherded is slow dying. The fact that all the members move away is nothing. New ones will come; people will be converted and the church will live. These twelve churches, every one of them small, needing advice and guidance and fellowship, will have vigorous life if we are faithful.

NEW WORK NOT ORGANIZED.

We have organized these twelve churches; but in as many more communities organization in the near future is possible. At Arlington and Gaylord, east of Winthrop, Evangelist Fellows has done efficient service during the summer and one of these towns will take action next Sunday towards calling a council for church organization and in the other we expect organization soon and church erection in both. They are towns like Winthrop with a predominant foreign population, but desiring an English-speaking service. At Beltrami and Lockhart, where F. G. Toan preached during the summer and has been invited to supply next year, a church has been erected in one place and organization will follow in both. At Twin Valley and Ulen S. G. Lindholm has spent the summer, preaching the gospel to two towns otherwise unsupplied. At South Stillwater and Oak Park L. H. Johnson has revived the Sunday school and organized an efficient Ladies' Aid Society and is invited to remain for the winter. At Halsted and other points where Geo. Michael preaches to the mixed population of the Red River valley, we expect to organize the work when the right time comes. At Center Chain, south of Fairmont, a little church became extinct a few years ago. A building has been erected this year and the people are waiting for the right time to reorganize. E. C. Lyons, our general missionary, has done some work at Tanhassen, Triumph and other towns springing up along new lines of railway in the southwest, where the people wait for the formation of churches. With larger funds at our command we could have doubled the number of churches. All this new work has been done with slight expense, neighboring pastors assisting, as at Center Chain, Beltrami and other places, or the general officers keeping the church along until a pastor could be secured. The future is full of hope and in the southwest we may regain the ground lost a generation ago.

NEW MEETING HOUSES.

Two churches noted last year as in process of erection, have been completed and dedicated; Kragness dedicated a church costing $1,450, D. G. Colp coming from Yale Seminary to the dedication and now becoming the pastor. The People's Church at Brainerd, long having nothing but a name to live, has redeemed itself, completed a beautiful church costing $1,500, and has called an excellent pastor. At Center Chain and Beltrami, two communities without organization, meeting houses have been erected, each costing about $1,000. The Bohemian church at Elmdale is commencing a church to cost $800. At Akeley we have let the contract for a church to cost $1,000, some of us becoming responsible for meeting the bills. Garvin, a little town where a few years ago a church of eight members was formed, erected a parsonage a year or two ago, and this year completes a building costing $1,700. We have already alluded to church erection at Sacred Heart, where a church costing $1,200 is approaching completion. Our Aitkin church has had a chequered life. It has been allowed to worship in a

building owned by a society of the town. The church has had its ups and downs; has been hampered by not having a home of its own; has felt reluctant to repair a house which it did not own; has had some women who are efficient and some men who would be efficient if they imitated their wives, and has been frequently more dead than alive. Services were once interrupted for two years. The building, worth $1,800, has been deeded to our church; a pastor has been secured and we trust that the church is entering upon assured life. One Sunday morning our church building at Granite Falls caught fire in the basement. The sexton rang the bell to give alarm; but the people thought it was the ordinary call for church services, and responded tardily. So quick was the fire that everything was consumed, not even the Bible or communion service being saved. While the church was burning, the pastor, Rev. James Earl, started a subscription paper, called his flock together, preached a sermon upon the text, "Old things are passed away," and began to plan for another building. Granite Falls is overchurched. We were the first on the ground, and are the only church that has promise of life. By personal visits of the superintendent and by conference with other churches and offers to merge our organization in a People's Church, or to purchase unused or slightly used buildings belonging to other denominations we settled the question that the only thing for us to do was to secure a site in the center of the town and erect a church building. The opera house was engaged for temporary services and a church is now in process of erection, costing, with grounds, $5,000. The people themselves have given generously; some of the neighboring churches have responded liberally and we believe that Granite Falls has some claims upon the larger sisterhood of churches.

Aside from these eleven churches completed or in process of erection, Fosston has completely remodeled and enlarged its house at a cost of $1,500; Lake Benton has renovated its building at a cost of $600 and Sauk Rapids has put a brick veneer upon its church at an expense, with other repairs of $700. Other churches to the number of twenty have repaired their buildings.

In this connection we may speak of the work of the Alexandria circuit, not officially connected with the Home Missionary Society, but a part of our onward movement. F. P. Ferguson, formerly our missionary at Big Lake, is in charge of this circuit, and the Alexandria church is behind the movement. At Union Lake a church of twenty-eight members was organized, and a house erected at an expense of $2,000, while at Carlos twelve united in an organization and a building costing $2,000 has been completed.

PARSONAGES.

Glenwood has completed a parsonage costing about $1,800. This is a church reduced a few years ago to one member, and which some brethren thought should be dropped. Lamberton has commenced a parsonage to cost $1,000.

LIFE SUPPORT.

Staples, Crookston, Ortonville, New Paynesville, Glenwood, Big Lake and Orrock, Sherburne and Lake Belt, Grand Meadow have, as we believe, reached assured self-support. Wayzata is self-supporting for the year. Some of these churches relinquished aid to which they felt they were justly entitled. Ortonville, for instance, had an implied promise that aid should be continued a few months longer while they were completing payments on their church property. Last year they enlarged and remodeled their house. This year they are fitting up their basement. When they found that our appropriation was badly reduced they put in no request for aid, which had been promised them. In this respect they are, perhaps, first in honor among the noble little band which has declared for self-support.

Minnesota is now entering upon a period of financial prosperity. Farmers are becoming more thrifty and forehanded. The great wheat harvest; diversified farming giving us corn and other products of the soil; our great dairy industry, stock raising, the timber from our pine lands, iron ore mined by the millions of tons the possible presence of other minerals, the possibilities of trade for our Minnesota cities situated at the initial point of great transcontinental lines, or at the head of the lakes, will make Minnesota a great and rich and potent commonwealth.

The privilege of evangelizing the northern section of our state into which immigration is pouring; those responsibilities that come upon us as citizens of the nation entrusted with the privilege of purifying national life at its fountain head; those duties that belong to us as citizens of Larger America entrusted with obligations to peoples lately committed to our care, and privileged to bring to them freedom, stable government, a just system of taxation, education and the Christian religion; the fact, which every man of keen vision sees, that in the great basin of the Mississippi is to be fought the battle between ignorance and education, barbarism and civilization, infidelity and the Christian religion, and the destiny of the Republic settled, lifts the question of the evangelization of our heterogeneous population in the Northwest into a great opportunity, dwarfs some minor issues, and is the call of patriotism and religion, both of which are the call of Christ.

Receipts of the Minnesota Home Missionary Society for the year ending Sept. 30th, 1899	$1,213.70
Receipts at New York direct from Minnesota	4,336.93
Total	$5,550.63
Remitted to W. B. Howland, treasurer	$5,550.63

This certifies that I have examined the accounts of J. H. Morley, Treasurer, M. H. M. S., and compared them with the vouchers received from the C. H. M. S., and have found them correct.

WALTER N. CARROLL,
Auditor.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

For the purpose of organizing a corporation under and according to the provisions of Title Three (3) of Chapter Thirty-four (34) of the General Statutes of the State of Minnesota of 1894, and the acts amendatory thereof; we, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves and become incorporated by these articles of agreement in writing, under the name herein assumed by us for the purpose of establishing and conducting a Missionary Society, and do hereby constitute ourselves, our associates, successors and assigns a body corporate under said name and do hereby adopt and sign the following articles:

Article I. The name of this corporation shall be the "Minnesota Congregational Home Missionary Society."

Art. 2. The general purpose of this Society shall be, of itself, and in cooperation with the Congregational Home Missionary Society to diffuse the Gospel; by aiding weak congregations within the State of Minnesota in the support of the ministry, by organizing churches wherever they are needed, by supplying communities destitute of preaching, and by doing the work of Christianization within the State of Minnesota, and other states and territories, and doing a general missionary work.

Art. 3. The principal place of transacting the business of said corporation shall be in the City of Minneapolis, in the County of Hennepin and State of Minnesota.

Art. 4. The government of said corporation and the management of its affairs shall be vested in a board of seven directors who shall be selected in the manner hereinafter provided.

Art. 5. The corporation shall consist of Congregational and Union Churches in Minnesota contributing not less than one dollar annually to the treasury of the Society, which shall be represented in the meetings of the Society by the pastor and one delegate each and of such other persons as shall be constituted members for life by the payment by themselves or by others for them of twenty-five dollars at any time to the funds of the Society.

The delegate from each church shall be elected annually by the members thereof at any prayer meeting or at any other regular stated assembling thereof.

Art. 6. The annual meeting of this Society shall be held in connection with the annual meeting of the General Congregational Association of Minnesota.

Art. 7. This Society shall have no capital stock.

Art. 8. The officers of this Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a Superintendent, a Board of Directors and an Advisory Committee of three persons from each local conference or association of churches, all of whom shall be ex-officio members of the Society.

The President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor shall be chosen by ballot and shall serve for three years.

The Advisory Committees shall be chosen annually by the local conference or association, and shall advise the Board of Directors in reference to each application for aid from their respective districts.

The Board of Directors shall consist of seven persons, to be chosen for three years after the first election, and is to be divided into two classes of two each, and one class of three, so that the term of office of one class shall expire each year. They shall choose one of their number as chairman and another as secretary; shall hold meetings regular and special at such time and place as they may direct; together with the chairman of the conference committees, shall nominate in case of vacancy the superintendent to the parent society; which is to appoint and pay him; shall consider the apportionment of men and women and recommend concerning the same to the Congregational Home Missionary Society, which is to appoint and pay the missionaries; shall make an annual report to the Society, and in their general oversight shall make to the parent society such suggestions as they may deem wise. The board shall also fill all vacancies that may occur, either in their own body or in the several Advisory Committees.

They shall be the trustees of the Society, and as such shall have power to acquire, hold, convey, manage and dispose of the property, real and personal, of the Society.

The Treasurer shall receive and hold the property of the Society, take care of and invest the permanent funds; with the chairman and secretary of the Board, lease or convey by deed, real estate belonging to the Society, when so ordered by the Board, and exhibit at the annual meeting of the Society an audited account of the condition and investment of permanent funds. He shall give bonds to the Board of Directors for an amount not less than $3,000, to be fixed by them. The Treasurer shall receive all money coming into the Society and shall remit the same every month to the parent Society. He shall also make an annual report to the Society, not only of money so transmitted, but of that which is acknowledged by the parent Society as coming directly to the treasury from the State.

The Superintendent, in counsel and co-operation with the Board of Directors and the Advisory Committees, and under the instruction of the parent Society, shall give himself to the work of securing ministers for missionaries, transmitting and endorsing applications for aid, encouraging the beneficiary societies to self-support, organizing churches, preaching the Word in destitute communities and among the aided churches, and increasing the contributions of the State Society. He shall present a writetn report at the annual meeting of the Society.

The usual quarterly and annual reports of the missionaries to the parent Society shall be made in duplicate, and one copy sent to the Superintendent for the information of officers of the Society.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

MINNESOTA BRANCH

OF THE

Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior.

Held at First Congregational Church, Waseca,

April 12-14, 1899.

OFFICERS—APRIL 1899-1900.

President—MISS MARGARET J. EVANS, Northfield.

Vice-President—MRS. C. F. SAWYER, Sauk Centre.

Corresponding Secretary—MISS BERTHA LINCOLN, 625 East 16th Street, Minneapolis.

Assistant Corresponding Secretary—MRS. ANDERSON.

Recording Secretary—MRS. H. G. WEBSTER, Bank of Commerce Building, Minneapolis.

Assistant Recording Secretary—MRS. A. B. UPHAM, Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul.

Field Secretary—

Treasurer—MRS. J. F. JACKSON, 139 University Avenue, St. Paul.

Auditor—MRS. A. B. UAHAM, Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul.

MINUTES.

The Twenty-second Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior was held at the First Congregational Church, Waseca, April 12-14, 1899.

The first session was held Wednesday afternoon. Devotional exercises conducted by the President, followed by reports from Conference Directors.

Mrs. Derome, Field Secretary, led a discussion upon the needs in Minnesota: "How we can we break through the indifference of a large part of the church members?"

Literature and personal work, means recommended.

Letters were read from the Board at Chicago, bearing upon the debt, and a committee appointed to consider the suggestions set forth in said letters.

Wednesday evening, after singing by the choir, Mrs. J. A. Eaken welcomed the Branch, and the President accepted in the name of the Christ of whose work we had come together to talk and plan.

Miss Barrows then gave an account of her labors in Japan for twenty-three years, after which session adjourned, and a reception was held. Thursday morning, after devotional service, the President appointed committee on Credentials, Place and Resolutions. Report of Corresponding Secretary read by Mrs. F. H. Oehler, of New Richland, and referred to committee.

Treasurer's report followed and referred to a committee. Mrs. Fisher read a paper on "Hymns and Their Message."

The latest news from Foochow and Miss Hartwell were given, and the plan of the Minnesota Room presented, and pledges for same received.

Reports were submitted of Young Ladies' Societies, Christian Endeavor, and Children's work. Session adjourned and lunch and social hour followed.

Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Pearson read a paper on "Current Events in the Kingdom of God." Mrs. Bassett gave some "Snapshots of Woman's Work in Japan."

Closing exercises were by the children "The Banner of the Cross," and Mrs. Leavitt read to the children a story written by Miss Hartwell.

Thursday evening, Mrs. George E. White gave an historical account of the Western Turkey Mission.

Friday morning, after prayer service led by Mrs. Dickerman, a paper on "Missionary Literature," was read by Mrs. Leavitt, showing the good that comes to societies from the right use of missionary literature. Mrs. Derome, Field Secretary, gave a full and interesting account of her visits to all the churches in Mankato and Western Conferences.

A review of the work in India written by Mrs. Burton was read.

A "Review of Missions," was presented by Mrs. J. E. Smith, of Minneapolis.

Reports of Committee on Nominations and Resolutions were adopted, minutes read and corrected.

Closing words from Miss Gage, and the summing up of the three days' session by the President brought our Annual Meeting to a close.

MRS. H. G. WEBSTER,
Rec. Sec.
MRS. A. B. UPHAM,
Asst. Rec. Sec.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts of Minnesota Branch W. B. M. I. for year ending Sept. 9, 1899:

Received from Auxiliaries	$3,534.11
Received from Young Ladies	175.43
Received from C. E. Societies	616.34
Received from Junior C. E. and M. B.	94.74
Received from Sunday Schools	225.76
Extra for W. B. M. I. debt	412.16
Total	$5,058.54

MRS. J. F. JACKSON, Treas.,
139 East University Ave., St. Paul.

MINNESOTA
Woman's Home Missionary Union.

1899.

OFFICERS—1899-1900.

President—Miss Catherine W. Nichols, 230 E. 9th Street, St. Paul.

Vice-Presidents—Mrs. G. E. Soper, St. Paul; Mrs. J. F. Taintor, Rochester; Mrs. Alexander Milne, Duluth.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. E. R. Shepard, 2931 Portland Ave., Minneapolis.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. W. M. Bristoll, 2828 Chicago Ave., Minapolis.

Treasurer—Mrs. M. W. Skinner, Northfield.

Assistant Treasurer—Mrs. A. W. Norton, Northfield.

Auditor—Mrs. Horace Goodhue, Northfield.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Union was held in Rochester, Wednesday, September 13, 1899.

The first session was called to order in the First Presbyterian Church by the President, Miss C. W. Nichols.

The devotional exercises consisted of singing "The morning light is breaking," and the reading of part of the 80th Psalm and prayer by the President.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The first business was the hearing of the Reports which were read and accepted in the following order:

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. R. Shepard.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. M. Bristoll.

Secretary Y. P. S. C. E., Miss Bertha Hanneman, read by Mrs. L. E. Jepson, Minneapolis.

Secretary Young Ladies' Work, Mrs. B. W. Smith, read by Mrs. A. B. Upham, St. Paul.

Secretary Programs and Bureau of Exchange, Mrs. J. V. V. Lewis, read by Mrs. Geo. O. Moore, Worthington.

Secretary Children's Work, Miss Carrie S. Pond.

Treasurer, Mrs. M. W. Skinner.

Auditor, Mrs. Horace Goodhue.

Upon motion of Mrs. Newcome, Minneapolis, it was voted that we accept the Treasurer's Report by rising, expressing in this manner our appreciation of the great care and labor involved in its preparation.

Then followed the Free Parliament, beginning with a "Talk with Directors." Mrs. S. V. S. Fisher, Chairman Anoka Conference, led the discussion with the thought "If the work is worth doing there must be workers." Mrs. Poole, Winona Conference, Mrs. Moore, Mankato Conference, and others spoke of the different phases of the Directors' work. After considerable discussion as to the best method of securing the nominations for Conference Directors it was voted, upon motion of Mrs. J. F. Taintor, Rochester, that each Conference be instructed to nominate its own Directors.

"Our Coming Leaders" was the second topic considered. Mrs. J. E. Ingham, Sherburn, Mrs. Dickerman, Worthington, Mrs. I. Burch, Northfield, and others speaking upon various ways of arousing missionary interest among the young people and children of our churches.

The third topic, "Concerning our Treasury," was spoken upon by Mrs. Skinner, Northfield, as to the reasons for the lack of missionary interest as shown in the lessening contributions to the Treasuries of our Missionary Societies.

Mrs. S. V. S. Fisher, Chairman Committee on Plan of Work, reported that it seemed best to make no change in the Plan of Work for the coming year.

Committee on Nominations, Mrs. J. F. Taintor, Chairman, reported list of Officers and Directors for the ensuing year, except the Department Secretaries which matter was referred to the Executive Committee. The Recording Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the Officers therein named.

The President appointed the following Committees:

Committee on Nominations, Mrs. J. F. Taintor, Rochester; Mrs. W. M. Bristoll, Minneapolis; Miss L. J. Comings, St. Paul.

Committee on Plan of Work, Mrs. S. V. S. Fisher, Minneapolis; Mrs. H. G. Webster, Minnneapolis; Mrs. G. E. Soper, St. Paul.

The morning session was closed by a devotional half hour, led by the President, the thought presented being "From whence cometh our help."

The second session was held in the First Congregational Church with the Association, and consisted of a short responsive service, a very helpful Home Missionary address by Miss M. Dean Moffat, New York City, a solo by Mrs. L. H. Hallock, Minneapolis, and a few words upon "As much as it depends upon you" by the President.

ROSA O. BRISTOLL,
Recording Secretary.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Sept. 13th, 1899.

Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Union,
In account with
Mrs. M. W. Skinner, Treasurer.

To	Amt.	Paid			By amount received from all sources during the year ending Sept. 4th, 1899,	
"	"	"	C. H. M. S.	$1,890.58	Anoka Conference	$1,514.97
"	"	"	A. M. A.	833.16	Central "	76.11
"	"	"	C. B. S.	422.11	Duluth "	115.77
"	"	"	Rev. A. C. Clark, for Cass L. Pars.	100.20	Mankato "	214.15
"	"	"	Cong'l Ed. Soc.	269.56	Minn. Val. "	94.68
"	"	"	Bal. Pledge to Windom Inst.	70.60	Nor. Pacific "	138.33
"	"	"	" furnishing	26.84	Owatonna "	851.56
"	"	"	S. S. and Pub.	180.91	Western "	121.92
"	"	"	Expense	86.55	Winona "	773.02
				$3,900.51		$3,900.51

I have examined the above account, compared it with vouchers and found it correct.

S. BELLA GOODHUE, Auditor.

MINNESOTA

MINISTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts—

From annual meeting State Association.....	$6.25		
From unknown persons	27.00		
Through Prof. Pearson	27.97		
From First Congregational church, Faribault...	8.00		
From Congregational church, Cannon Falls.....	2.02		
From First church, Northfield	14.37		
From First church, Rochester.....	8.00		
From First church, Crookston	5.00		
From Plymouth church, Minneapolis	84.59		
From Fifth Avenue church, Minneapolis.....	9.08		
From First church, Owatonna	13.82		
From Park Avenue church, Minneapolis.....	3.27		
From Annual Meeting Mankato Conference	3.80		
From Annual Meeting Anoka Conference	11.37		
From Annual Meeting Minn. Valley Conference.	7.45		
		$231.99	
From rents	122.00		
From fire insurance policy	421.35		
From interest	5.85		
From rebate on taxes	64.42		
		$613.62	
Total received		$845.61	
Cash on hand at last report		325.49	
			$1,171.10

Expended—		
For replacing burned building	$398.06	
For repairs	254.36	
For insurance	11.00	
For exchange on drafts	.20	
For taxes	117.14	
Paid on principal of mortgage	200.00	
For interest	45.00	
For orders for ministerial relief	144.50	
		$1,170.26
Cash on hand	.84	
		$1,171.10

HARRY B. HENDLEY, Treasurer.

Minneapolis, Minn., September 12, 1899.

Audited and found correct,

W. N. CARROLL, Auditor.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

OF THE

GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION

OF MINNESOTA.

CONSTITUTION.

NAME.

Article 1.—This Association shall be called the "General Congregational Association of Minnesota."

OBJECT.

Art. 2.—No ecclesiastical power or authority shall be assumed by this Association or delegated thereto; but its object shall be to promote fellowship and co-operation among the Congregational Churches in Minnesota.

STATEMENT OF DOCTRINE.

Art. 3.—I. We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and all things visible and invisible.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who is of one substance with the Father by whom all things are made.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who is sent from the Father and Son, and who, together with the Father and Son, is worshiped and glorified.

II. We believe that the providence of God, by which he executes His eternal purposes in the government of the world, is in and over all events; yet so that the freedom and responsibility of man are not impaired, and sin is the act of the creature alone.

III. We believe that man was made in the image of God, that he might know, love and obey God, and enjoy him forever, that our first parents, by their disobedience fell under the righteous condemnation of God, and that all men are so alienated from God that there is no salvation from the guilt and power of sin except through God's redeeming grace.

REV. WILBUR FISK.

IV. We believe that God would have all men return to him; that to this end He has made himself known, not only through the works of nature, the course of His providence, and consciences of men, but also through supernatural revelations made especially to a chosen people, and above all, when the fullness of time was come through Jesus Christ His Son.

V. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the record of God's revelation of Himself in the work of redemption, that they were written by men under special guidance of the Holy Spirit; that they are able to make wise unto salvation, and that they constitute the authoritative standard by which religious teachings and human conduct are to be regulated and judged.

VI. We believe that the love of God to sinful men has found its highest expression in the redemptive work of His Son; who became man, uniting His divine nature with our human nature in one person; who was tempted like other men yet without sin, who by His humiliation, His holy obedience, His sufferings, His death on the cross and His resurrection, became a perfect Redeemer; whose sacrifice of Himself for the sins of the world declares the righteousness of God, and is the sole and sufficient ground of forgiveness and of reconciliation with Him.

VII. We believe that Jesus Christ, after He had arisen from the dead, ascended into Heaven, where, as the one mediator between God and man, He carries forward his work of saving men; that he sends the Holy Spirit to convict them of sin, and to lead them to repentance and faith; and that those who, through renewing grace, turn to righteousness and trust to Jesus Christ as their Redeemer, receive for his sake the forgiveness of their sins, and are made the children of God.

VIII. We believe that those who are thus regenerated and justified, grow in sanctified character through the fellowship with Christ, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and obedience to the truth; that a holy life is the fruit and evidence of faith; and that the believer's hope of continuance in such a life is in the preserving grace of God.

IX. We believe that Jesus Christ came to establish among men the kingdom of God, the reign of truth and love, righteousness and peace; that to Jesus Christ, the head of His Kingdom, Christians are directly responsible in faith and conduct; and that to him all have immediate access without mediatorial or priestly intervention.

X. We believe that the Church of Christ, invisible and spiritual, comprises all true believers, whose duty it is to associate themselves in churches for the maintenance of worship, for the promotion of spiritual growth and fellowship, and for the conversion of men; that these churches under the guidance of the Holy Scriptures and in fellowship with one another may determine—each for itself—their organization, statements of belief, and forms of worship; may appoint and set apart their own ministers, and should co-

operate in the work which Christ has committed to them for the furtherance of the gospel throughout the world.

XI. We believe in the observance of the Lord's day, as a day of holy rest and worship; in the ministry of the word; and in the two sacraments which Christ has appointed for his church; Baptism to be administered to believers and their children, as the sign of cleansing from sin, of union to Christ and of the impartation of the Holy Spirit; and the Lord's Supper, as a symbol of His atoning death, a seal of its efficacy, and means whereby he confirms and strengthens the spiritual union and communion of believers with himself.

XII. We believe in the ultimate prevalence of the kingdom of Christ over all the earth; in the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; in the resurrection of the dead; and in a final judgment, the issues of which are everlasting punishment and everlasting life.

Art. 4.—I. Any minister who is a member—made such by vote—of a Congregational conference in this State, of the Evangelical character of which the General Association is satisfied, shall be entitled to a seat in this body; also two delegates from each church connected with such conference, any church being entitled to an additional delegate for each fifty of its resident members after the first hundred, conference registrars, officers of the Association, members of its standing committees, the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society, and of the Minnesota Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Interior.

II. Other ministers or laymen present at any meeting, whose names are proposed by the nominating committee, may be honorary members with all the privileges of membership except that of voting.

OFFICERS.

Art. 5.—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, who shall be elected at the closing session of the annual meeting to serve one year; a Scribe, elected annually by ballot; and Assistant Scribe, and Auditor, chosen annually viva voce, and a Secretary, elected triennially by ballot, who shall have charge of the records, correspondence and statistics, and shall also be Treasurer. They shall hold offices until their successors are chosen.

COMMITTEES.

Art. 6.—I. The standing committees of this Association to be chosen annually, shall be a Business Committee, a Committee of Arrangements, a Committee of Finance and Printing, and a Sunday School Committee, of three members each, and a Committee to visit Carleton College, to include the Moderator of the State Association and one representative from each

conference, a Committee of Systematic Beneficence, of one member from each conference, and a Committee of three on Temperance. The Business Committee shall always have one member who has served upon said committee within the last two years. The minister of the church to which the annual meeting is appointed shall be a member of the Committee of Arrangements.

II. For each annual meeting there shall be a Nominating Committee, a Committee on Place and Preacher, and a Committee on Resolutions, of three members each.

TIME OF MEETING.

Art. 7.—I. The annual meeting of this Association shall begin on the third Tuesday in September, and close on the following Friday.

II. Should an exigency arise requiring an extra meeting of this body, or a change from the appointed time and place, such appointment or change may be made by the Moderator, Secretary, Chairman of the Business Committee, and Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, or by three of these upon giving adequate notice.

AMENDMENTS AND RULES.

Art. 8.—I. This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, notice of such amendment having been given at the previous meeting.

II. Any rule of the Association may be suspended temporarily by a two-thirds vote. A motion to alter, establish or strike out any rule shall be read on two days and may be discussed at each reading. At the first reading the question shall be: Shall it be read a second time?

RULES.

1. At the annual meeting the Moderator or Assistant Moderator, or in their absence the Secretary, or the minister of the church with which the meeting is held, shall preside until permanent officers are elected. The first session shall be opened with a sermon by the minister or alternate appointed by the association, if he shall be present, otherwise by a minister appointed by the Business Committee.

2. After the opening sermon at the annual meeting, the Secretary and Scribe shall collect the names of members, together with the names of the church each delegate represents, and that of the conference to which each minister belongs. Upon the following morning the roll shall be read, and the organization completed.

3. The Minutes of the preceding day shall be read each morning for correction, and the corrected Minutes shall be read before the close of meeting for approval.

4 Every motion, when it is requested, shall be reduced to writing, and every written motion, when seconded, shall be passed to the Scribe, who shall likewise receive all reports presented to this body, and all papers which it shall adopt.

5. In debate, no one shall speak upon the same question more than twice or longer than ten minutes, except by vote of the body.

6. The Secretary and Scribe of this body, and the Registrar of any conference shall be a Committee on Credentials for members within the bounds of said conference.

7. The Secretary shall collect through the Registrars the statistics from the conferences and churches, and shall publish and distribute the minutes of this body, and for his services may receive one hundred dollars.

8. The Treasurer shall collect through the Registrars the funds due this body from the conferences, according to the apportionment made by the Committee on Finance.

9. The Business Committee shall prepare the program for the annual meeting and shall publish the same at least three weeks before the time appointed for said meeting. They shall also prepare the order of business for each session, designating the time when reports of officers, and of the committees provided for in the constitution, and of the President of Carleton College shall be received. They shall provide in the program for at least one devotional meeting of an hour's duration at a time in the day favorable for a general attendance. New business shall be introduced only by the Business Committee, except upon vote of the Association.

10. The Nominating Committees shall nominate officers and committees not otherwise provided for, and shall propose the names of honorary members.

11. The Committee of Arrangements shall make general arrangements for the annual meeting and shall appoint preachers or leaders for all religious services except the opening sermon.

12. The Committee on Finance shall approve all bills to be paid by the Treasurer, and shall estimate the expenses of this body for the ensuing year and apportion the same among the conferences, such apportionment to be published in the Minutes.

13. The annual reports from the churches in each conference shall be presented in writing by its Registrar, or such person as it shall appoint.

14. Any member of this Association if present at the meeting of any corresponding body, shall be authorized to represent the Association there-

in. For his certificate this rule will be sufficient, and he may report to this body at its next annual meeting.

15. At the meeting of this body next previous to the meeting of the National Council, delegates at large and alternates, half of each to be laymen, shall be chosen to represent the Congregational churches of the State at National Council.

ORDINATIONS, INSTALLATIONS, DEATHS.

1899.

ORDINATIONS.

Wesley R. Bosard, April 24 ..... Dodge Center
L. A. Sahlstrom, May 17 ..... Pelican Rapids
Richard Watt, June 8 ..... Graceville
Albert E. Barnes, June 19 ..... Clearwater
Harvey B. Bortel, July 20 ..... Brainerd
Philip W. Yarrow, August 30 ..... Fosston
H. W. Stiles, October 24 ..... Ada

INSTALLATIONS.

Henry Holmes, March 3 ..... Lowry Hill, Minneapolis
John H. Sammis, Feb. 27 ..... Olivet, St. Paul
Alexander Milne, July 10 ..... Pilgrim, Duluth
Ernest C. Chevis ..... Medford

DEATH.

Edmund Gale, March 19 ..... St. Paul
William Power, December ..... ———

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

YEAR		PLACE.	MODERATOR.	PREACHER AND TEXT.
1	56	St. Anthony...	Rev. Sherman Hall.....	Rev. W. R. Stevens; John 1: 4.
2	57	Prescott, Wis..	Rev. L. Armsby.....	Rev. C. B. Sheldon; II Cor. 4: 7.
3	58	Faribault.....	Rev. D. Andrews.....	Rev. Richard Hall; Rev. 11: 15.
4	59	Winona.....	Rev. C. Seccombe.....	Rev. L. Armsby; Rev. 3: 8.
5	60	St. Paul.....	Rev. D. Burt.....	Rev. D. Andrews; Isa. 55: 10, 11.
6	61	Anoka.....	Rev. O. Thomas.....	Rev. A. S. Fisk; Phil. 4: 6.
7	62	Northfield.....	Rev. Chas. Shedd.....	Rev. Chas. Shedd; II Thes. 2: 18.
8	63	Lake City.....	Rev. W. R. Stevens.....	Rev. J. W. Millen; John 17: 20, 21.
9	64	Rochester ...	Bro. C. M. Goodsell.....	Rev. C. Seccombe; Prov. 14: 10.
10	65	Minneapolis ..	Bro R. G. Lincoln.....	Rev. D. Burt; Eph. 2: 1.
11	66	Faribault.....	Bro. W. G. Copp.....	Rev. A. B. Smith; Matt. 33: 8.
12	67	St. Cloud... ..	Pres. J. W. Strong, D. D.	Rev. E. J. Hart; Luke 19: 11, 27.
13	68	Austin	Bro. S. W. Furber.....	Rev. A. Fuller; Job 40: 3; 42: 5, 27.
14	69	Owatonna.. ...	Bro. J. L. Noyes.....	Rev. E. Gale; John 4: 22, 12.
15	70	Northfield.....	Bro. R. J. Baldwin.....	Rev. W. B. Dana; Mark 4: 28.
16	71	St. Anthony...	Pres. J. W. Strong, D. D.	Rev. C. C. Slater, D. D.; Isa. 40: 3.
17	72	Lake City.....	Rev. S. H. Barteau.....	Rev. E. M. Williams, D. D.; Rom. 1: 16.
18	73	St. Paul..... ..	Bro. H. W. Page.....	Rev. H. M. Tenney, D. D.; Phil. 2: 15.
19	74	Winona.....	Rev. H. A. Stimson, D. D.	Rev. C. M. Terry; I Cor. 6: 9, 17.
20	75	Minneapolis...	Rev. L. H. Cobb, D. D...	Rev. J. W. Ray; Rom. 1: 16.
21	76	Austin.....	Rev. E. M. Williams, D. D.	Rev. George A. Hood; Eph. 3: 8.
22	77	Faribault.....	Rev. David Burt.....	Rev. C. W. Merrill; II Tim. 4: 2.
23	78	Mankato	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D. D.	Rev. J. H. Morley, Matt. 16: 19, 16.
24	79	Minneapolis...	Hon. A. H. Young...	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D. D.; Heb. 11: 1.
25	80	Northfield.....	Rev. L. W. Cheney.....	Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, D. D.; Matt. 23: 8, 10.
26	81	Rochester.....	Rev. Geo. A. Hood.....	Rev. C. E. Wright, D. D.; Matt. 11: 4.
27	82	St. Paul.....	Bro. H. W. Page.....	Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D.; Matt. 16: 14, 15.
28	83	Lake City.... .	Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, D.D.	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D.; Isa. 50: 4.
29	84	St. Cloud.....	Rev. M. W. Montgomery	Prof. A. H. Pearson; Phil. 1: 21.
30	85	Winona.....	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D.	Rev. H. C. Hovey, D. D.; Jer. 32: 8.
31	86	Minneapolis...	Rev. C. W. Merrill.....	Rev. John H. Crum, D. D; I Tim. 1: 19.
32	87	Fergus Falls..	Prof. Geo. Huntington....	Rev. M. W. Montgomery; Isa. 21: 6; I Cor. 2: 2.
33	88	Owatonna.....	Rev. C. E. Wright, D. D..	Rev. J. W. Hargrave; II Tim. 2: 15.
34	89	St. Paul.....	Rev. S. V. S. Fisher.....	Rev. I. L. Cory; Luke 12: 33.
35	90	Northfield ..	Rev. G. R. Merrill, D. D..	Rev. E. M. Noyes; Matt. 5: 13.
36	91	Duluth.....	Rev. H. W. Gleason.....	Rev. A. H. Heath, D. D.; Rom. 1: 15.
37	92	Minneapolis...	Rev. J. F. Taintor.....	Rev. J. A. Chamberlin; John 14: 12.
38	93	St. Paul.....	Rev. Smith Baker, D. D..	Rev. L. L. West, D. D.; Mark 13: 37.
39	94	Austin.....	Bro. C. W. Hackett.....	Rev. J. E. McConnell; I Chron. 12: 32.
40	95	Alexandria....	Hon. D. C. Bell.....	Rev. S. G. Smith, D. D.; Matt. 6: 11.
41	96	Faribault.....	Rev. G. E. Soper.....	Rev. T. Merrill Edmands; Phil. 1: 9.
42	97	Montevideo...	Dean Horace Goodhue....	Rev. John A. Stemen; Luke 24: 36.
43	98	Owatonna.....	Rev. R. S. Cross.....	Rev. J. W. Todd, Rom. 8: 19.
44	99	Rochester.....	Hon. Lyndon A. Smith....	Rev. S. J. Rogers; I Cor. 10: 21.

RECORDING SECRETARIES..

Rev. C. B. Sheldon.....1859—1861.
Rev. A. K. Packard.....1862—1864.
Rev. J. F. Dudley.....1866—1867.
Rev. L. S. Griggs.....1868—1869.
Rev. H. A. Stimson, D.D..1870—1872.
Rev. H. Bumsted.....1873—1874
Rev. C. A. Hampton.....1875—1876
Bro. Wm. Cheney.....1877—1877
Rev. Geo. A. Hood.....1879—1881
Rev. W A. James.....1882—1883

CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

Rev. C. Seccombe.....1856—1858.
Rev. D. Burt.....1859—1867.
Rev. A. Fuller.....1867—1870.
Rev. C. C. Slater, D. D....1871—1872
Rev. N. C. Chapin..... 1873—1877
Rev. L. W. Chaney.....1878—1883

STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

Rev. C. Seccombe.....1858—1870.
Rev. R. Hall.....1871—1875.
Bro. W. Cheney.....1876—1878
Rev. Geo. A. Hood.....1879—1881
Rev. J. B. Fairbank.....1872—1889.

Secretary: Rev. S. W. Dickinson.....1889—1901.

ANNUAL STATISTICS,

January 1st, 1900.

THE CONFERENCES.

I. ANOKA CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Stillwater, May 15, 1900.

REGISTRAR: Rev. S. J. Rogers, Minneapolis.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. J. E. Smith, Rev. Alexander McGregor, Rev. C. L. Mears.

CHURCHES	MEM'S.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Afton	7		
Anoka	143		E. L. Curial.
Arcola, (Marine Mills)			
Brownton	35		John P. West.
Cottage Grove	67	George S. Biscoe	John P. Furber.
Elk River	73	George Hindley	W. G. Babcock.
Excelsior	166	Charles L. Mears	Miss Ella M. Stratton.
Fair Oaks, (Tuthill)	11		Mrs. F. A. Blanchard.
Glencoe	107		Nelson Hassan.
Groveland, (Chowen)			
Hutchinson	135	Frank H. Richardson	C. E. Gillett.
Lakeland	22		
Long Lake			
Minneapolis, First	544	Ernest W. Shurtleff	Willard W. Morse.
" Plymouth	861	Leavitt H. Hallock	Charles M. Shearer.
" Park Avenue	580	Clarence F. Lwift	Wm. M. Bristol.
" Pilgrim	416	Calvin B. Moody	E. O. Scarborough.
" Vine	127	J. Bruce Mathers	James V. S. Fisher.
" Como Avenue	133	Jay M. Hulbert	Mrs. Geo. M. Furber.
" Union.(St. L. P'k)	73	David D. Davis	Mrs. J. Hamilton.
" Open Door	142	Ernest E. Day	Mrs. Clara B. Keller.
" Lyndale	332	Charles E. Burton	Dea. F. L. Frary.
" Fremont Avenue.	195		
" Fifth Avenue	153	James E. Smith	L. A. Condit.
" Mizpah,(H'pkins)	28		Mrs. Geo. Gould.
" Bethany	122	Stephen G. Updyke	Rev. S. G. Updyke.
" Robbinsdale	71	James Oakey	Mrs. M. Roth.
" Lowry Hill	199	Henry Holmes	Wm. Cheney.
" 1st Scandinavian.	31		
" Oak Park	102		Alfred H. Chase.
" New Brighton	10		Mrs. C. A. Thompson.
" Forest Heights	206	Robert A. Hadden	Mrs. R. A. Haddon.
" Temple, Swedish.	121	Jonas M. Ahnstrom	E. N. Fallin.
" 38th Street	54		L. H. Thompson.
North Branch	36	William A. Wilkinson	J. G. Rider.
Preston Lake, (Stewart)			
Princeton	61	David Donovan	John L. Petterson.
Rush City. Swedish	73		
St. Paul, Plymouth	338		Warren Upham.
" Pacific	252	William J. Gray	John M. Boxell.
" Atlantic	107	William W. Lewis	Geo. D. Hammond.
" Park	319	Alexander McGregor	Samuel Cummings.
" St. Anthony Park	190	Edwin S. Pressey	Henry L. Hunter.
" Bethany	168	William A. Gerrie	E. J. Souther.
" Olivet, Merriam Park	125	John H. Sammis	H. W. Snell.
" South Park	42	Henry A. Risser	John N. Irving.
" Peoples	466	Samuel G. Smith	Leonard A. Straight.
" University Avenue	37	Henry W. Parsons	Rev. H W. Parsons.
" Peoples, (Hazel Park)	18	Henry A. Risser	R. F. Hiler.
" German People	60	William Oehler	G. A. Rinker.
Sandstone, Swedish	14		August Walden.
Silver Lake, Bohemian	91	Philip Reitinger	Charles Pokorny.
Spencerbrook	51		
Stewart	50		Ernest Baumgarten.
Stillwater	187	Hiram H. Appleman	Miss Mary Jenks.
Sunrise	7		
Wayzata	38	Alice Ruth Palmer	Nels Martinson.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.—John H. Albert, Jonas M. Ahnstrom, Hiram H. Appleman, Franklin H. Bassett, Eben. M. Betts, George S. Biscoe, George D. Black, Carl B. Bjuge, Richard Brown, Henry L. Chase, Henry J. Colwell, James W. Danford, Ernest E. Day, Daniel D. Davis, James B. Drew, Charles B. Fellows, Samuel V. S. Fisher, Americus Fuller, William Gill, Herbert W. Gleason, William J. Gray, Robert A. Hadden, Richard Hall, Leavitt H. Hallock, Harry B. Hendley, George Hindley, Robert P. Herrick, Henry Holmes, Jay M. Hulbert, J. Alexander Jenkins, William W. Lewis, Levi Loring, Asa P. Lyon, Daniel H. Magnus, J. Bruce Mather, Alexander McGregor, Charles L. Mears, Calvin B. Moody, Frank L. Moore, John H. Morley, James McPherson, Andrew G. Nelson, William W. Newell, Jairus L. Nott, James Oakey, William Ohler, William Okerstein, Alice Ruth Palmer, Henry W. Parsons, Edwin S. Pressey, Philip Reitinger, Frank H. Richardson, Henry A. Risser, Alva D. Roe, Samuel J. Rogers, John I. Sandford, James E. Smith, Samuel G. Smith, John H. Sammis, Zwingle H. Smith, George E. Soper, Moody A. Stevens, Charles J. Trchka, Tell A. Turner, Stephen G. Updyke, John B. Wheelwright.

II. CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Sauk Center, June 19, 1900.

REGISTRAR: George L. Treat, Alexandria.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. G. Ernest Smith, Rev. W. H. Medlar, Rev. W. J. Brown.

CHURCHES	Mem's.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Alexandria	202	William H. Medlar	Dr. C. L. Good.
Big Lake, Union	80	William M. Jenkins	A. J. Johnson.
Burtrum, Palmer	29	[Elmer E. Cram]	Miss Ella Willson.
Cable, (St Cloud)	15	William E. Griffith	Miss Edith Ayers.
Clarissa	19		
Clearwater	50	Albert E. Barnes	Samuel Whiting.
Glenwood	61	William J. Brown	G. W. Thacher.
Grey Eagle	22	[Elmer E. Cram]	Mrs. A. M. Davis.
Hasty	32	Albert E. Barnes	Mrs. Sarah Sheldon.
Hudson, (Villard)	13		Mrs. Nellie Meyers.
Little Falls	195	Frederick A Sumner	E. M. McIntyre.
Monticello	99	Carl J. Swain	A. H. Bertram.
Orrock, Union	8	William M. Jenkins	Miss Grace Craig.
Paynesville	97	Charles H. Moxie	L. M. Bennett.
Pillsbury	19	[Elmer E. Cram]	W. J. Balmer.
Randall	27	Edward N. Ruddock	S. C. Cochran.
Round Prairie	50	J. Frank Locke	John MacCarahan.
St. Cloud	107		John F. Jerrard.
" & Sauk Rapids, Swedish	52	Karl E. Peterson	John Erickson.
Sauk Center	178	G. Ernest Smith	Dea. James A. Norris.
Sauk Rapids	34	William E. Griffith	James Bunn.
" " Sw'sh		See St. Cloud	
Swanville	14	[Edward H. Cox]	Mrs. E. A. Flood.
Upsala, Swedish	121	Nels J. Bolin	Gust Nelson.
Villard	34	[Benjamin Samuels.]	Daniel W. Shear.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE: Albert E. Barnes, Nels J. Bolin, William J. Brown, David Donovan, Frank P. Ferguson, William E. Griffith, J. Lewis Jones, J. Frank Locke, William H. Medlar, George F. Morton, Alpheus J. Pike, Edward N. Ruddock, G. Ernest Smith, Frederick A. Sumner, Carl J. Swain, Isaac B. Tracy, Mark W. Williams.

III. DULUTH CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Plymouth Church, West Duluth, May 22, 1900.

REGISTRAR: Rev. Alexander Milne, Duluth.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. George W. Gallagher, Rev. F. D. Bentley, Mrs. E. G. Chapman.

CHURCHES	Mem's.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Aitkin	25	[George A. Wickwire]	Mrs. A. L. Hamilton.
Biwabik	13		Dr. Charles A. Bray.
Brainerd, 1st	129	George W. Gallagher	
" Peoples	35	Harvey B. Bortel	Mrs. J. F. Townsend.
Duluth, Pilgrim	385	Alexander Milne	A. W. Frick.
" West, Plymouth	85	Esther Smith	Carl C. Weaver.
" New, Mayflower	20		Miss Gertrude Keyes.
" Morley	33	John H. B. Smith	Dea. C. A. Gregory.
Hibbing	12		
Walker	8		

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE: Frank D. Bentley, Martin B. Bird, Frank A. Brown, George W. Gallagher, Jeremiah Kimball, Alexander Milne, Charles E. Wilcox.

IV. MANKATO CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Edgerton, May 9, 1900.

REGISTRAR: Rev. T. Merrill Edmands, Mankato.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. T. Merrill Edmands, Dr. George Moore, Rev. Wilbur Fisk.

CHURCHES	Mem's.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Ash Creek	6	[John Anslinger]	F. D. Everett.
Belgrade, (Mankato)	77	[Rufus P. Upton]	Mrs. S. J. Betts.
Edgerton	42	Pliny H. Fisk	Mrs. L. A. Gulick.
Ellsworth	23	[John Anslinger]	Mrs. M. Brataleig.
Fairmont	133	Hiram B. Harrison	Mrs. A. T. French.
Fraser, (Fairmont)	28		Fred L. Hall.
Freeborn	54	Wilbur Fisk	Mrs. A. Olson.
Freedom, (Cream)	34	Wilbur Fisk	S. O. Garlick.
Granada	43	[Charles G. Oxley]	Mrs. S. Cooper.
Hartland	10		Dea. F. E. Phipps.
Kanaranzi	14		
Kasota, Swedish	80	Ernest V. Bjorklund	Dea. John Olson.
Lake Belt	33	J. Edward Ingham	Tryphosa Headley.
Mankato	142	T. Merrill Edmands	Mrs S. Hughes.
" Swedish	70	Ernest V. Bjorklund	William Anderson.
Mapelton	87	Julis A. Devome	Miss S. L. Sprague.
McPherson, (St. Clair)	12		
New Richland	61		R. R. H. Harrison.
Salem, (Courtland)	35	John E. Jones	David L. Harris.
Sherburne	65	J. Edward Ingham	Dr. Geo. R. Hamden.
South Bend	21		
Waseca	145	John A. Eakin	F. W. Roth.
Worthington	143	Josiah P. Dickerman	Geo. O. Moore.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE: Elijah Carter, Fernando E. Carter, Jules A. Derome, Josiah P. Dickerman, John A. Eakin, T. Merrill Edmands, Charles W. Merrill, Francis M. Washburn.

V. MINNESOTA VALLEY CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Hancock, June 5, 1900.

REGISTRAR: D. T. Wheaton, Morris.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. A. H. Tebbets, Rev. J. L. Nott, Rev. George R. Searles.

CHURCHES	Mem's.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Appleton	59	Frank O. Krause	Mrs. Zella L. Todsen.
Belview	23	James Earl	Miss Cora Adsit.
Benson	62	[S. Heath]	Mrs. W. A. Foland.
Campbell	23	Jacob K. Shults	Mrs. F. W. Maechler.
Correll	13	Frank O. Krause	Mrs. C. E. Hudson.
Dawson	81	Arthur H. Tebbets	C. H. Sullivan.
Graceville	39	Richard Watt	Mrs. C. S. Pierce.
Granite Falls	47	James Earl	Miss Carrie D. Barnes.
Hancock	34	George R. Searles	Mrs. F. H. Angier.
Lake Emily, (Hancock)	5	George R. Searles	Mrs. J. Councilman.
Madison	41	J. Lewis Jones	Mrs. S. E. Farnham.
Marietta	8		Mrs. H. M. Bell.
Montevideo	90	P. Adelstein Johnson	Ernest P. Lee.
Morris	100	[Thomas E. Archer]	Dea. D. T. Wheaton.
Nassau			
Ortonville	17	Fred L. Meske	Miss H. O. Mathews.
Tintah	16	Jacob K. Shultz	Mrs. Mattie Nuckolls.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE: James Earl, Clement M. G. Harwood, Frank O. Krause, Eli C. Lyon, Fred L. Meske, Charles A. Ruddock, George R. Searles, Otis A. Starr, Arthur H. Tebbets, John W. Todd, James Watt, Edwin E. Webber.

VI. NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Detroit City, June 19, 1900.

REGISTRAR: C. R. Andrews, Ada.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: A. A. Miller, Geo. E. Perley, Rev. J. H. B. Smith.

CHURCHES	Mem's.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Ada	53	Hubert W. Stiles	Fred L. Hampson.
Akeley			
Audubon	28		Margaret E. Cravath.
Bagley			
Barnesville	83	T. Henry Lewis	Julius G. Randall.
Bertha	40	Isaac N. English	Chas. Hinman.
Cass Lake & Farris	15	Allen Clark	Rev. A. Clark.
Crookston	83	Herman P. Fisher	William L. Vannet.
Detroit City	84	Edward L. Brooks	Miss Bessie L. Furber.
Dorset	5	Franklin H. Bassett	Rev. F. H. Bassett.
Felton	18		
Fergus Falls	103	John W. Todd	Peter Winsor.
Fertile	26	Benjamin Iorns	Stanley S. LaDue.
Fosston	12	Philip W. Yarrow	D. H. Fish.
Georgetown	11		
Glyndon	59		W. E. Tate.
Hawley, Union	54	Samuel E. Fish	Dea. Adna Colburn.
Kragness	18		
Lake Park	20	Levi Loring	Mrs. F. B. Higley.
Lake View, (Detroit City)			
Maple Bay	5		Mrs. L. A. Hunter.
McIntosh	15		
Mentor	10		A. D. Tice.
Moorhead	82	John S. Rood	Fred Stalley.
Park Rapids	31	Franklin H. Bassett	Rev. W. J. Conard.
Pelican Rapids	51	Lars A Sahlstrom	Mrs. H N. Bruce.
Perham	12		Mrs. W. H. Hanscom.
Sebeka			
Shevlin			
Staples	41	[George L. Hunt]	W. S. Gish.
Verndale	22	[Charles M. Smythe]	Mrs. M. E. Moull.
Wadena	111	Frederick H. Oehler	John Liddell.
West Dora, (Lida)	18		Miss Eveline Smith.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE: Richard H. Battey, Ernest C. Chevis, William J. Conard, Edward P. Crane, Frederick C. Emerson, Isaac N. English, Samuel E. Fish, Herman P. Fisher, Lewis C. Frost, Reuben W. Harlow, Charles E. Harris, Jr., Benjamin Iorns, T. Henry Lewis, John L. Martin, George Michael, David W. Morgan, John S. Rood, Lars A. Sahlstrom, John H. B. Smith, Esther Smith, William A. Whitcomb, Francis Wrigley.

VII. OWATONNA CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Mantorville, May 8, 1900.

REGISTRAR: Rev. W. A. Warren, Spring Valley.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. J. E. McConnell, J. E. Truesdale, O. W. Shaw.

CHURCHES	Mem's.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Austin	330	Edward F. Wheeler	Walter E. Waldron.
Cannon City, (Dean)	20		Dea. Caleb G. Pye.
Cannon Falls	122	Charles E. Rybery	J. L. Scofield.
Claremont	32	Wesley R. Bosard	Mrs. O. F. Way.
Dexter	13		Mrs. J. Shurman.
Dodge Center	60	Wesley R. Bosard	Mrs. W. R. Bosard.
Faribault	367		
Grand Meadow	37	Thomas W. Minnis	John DeYoung.
Hamilton	50		Mrs. M. L. Knox.
Lyle	36	Delbert W. Cram	E J. Van Bronkhorst.
Montorville	156	William C. A. Wallar	Mrs. W. C. A. Wallar.
Medford	84	Ernest C. Chevis	Dea. Daniel McKinley.
Morristown	53	Charles A. Ruddock	Mrs. B. L. Hollister.
Northfield	501	James E. McConnell	Geo. H. Alden.
Owatonna	250	J. Sidney Gould	J. Palmer Johnson.
Rose Creek	18		Mrs. A. P. Rounce.
Spring Valley	230	Willis A. Warren	Dea. W. L. Kellog.
Taopi	17	[J. Russell Jones]	Dea. W. F. Davis.
Waterville	44		Louise E. Kenrick.
Welch	21		A. Black.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE: Joseph H. Chandler, Lucian W. Chaney, Delbert W. Cram, Calvin W. Duncan, George Huntington, John C. Huntington, William M. Jenkins, James E. McConnell, Thomas W. Minnis, Hannah M. Mullenix, Alfred H. Pearson, George S. Ricker, James W. Strong, William F. Trussell, William C. A. Wallar, Willis A. Warren, Edward F. Wheeler, Sherman B. Wilson, Cassius E. Wright.

VIII. WESTERN CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: June 12, 1900.

REGISTRAR: Rev. W. H. Klose, Lake Benton.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE:

CHURCHES	Mem's.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Cornish, Union	30	.....	.....
Custer, Bethel	67	.....	.....
Garvin	32	[Edwin A. Wood]	W. W. Jones.
Lake Benton	27	William H. Klose	Mrs. J. B. Davidson.
Lake Stay	31	.....	Mrs. A. F. Chase.
Lamberton	50	Enoch E. Rogers	A. A. McLeland.
Marshall	149	George M. Morrison	J. W. Humphrey.
New Ulm	77	Harry N. Johnson	Herman Held.
Selma	47	.....	Henry Currier.
Sleepy Eye	109	William Blackwell	Dea. T. Gallagher.
Springfield	34	Arthur S. Heatwole	Mrs. Mary P. Rowe.
Tyler	22	William H. Klose	Dr. A. J. Cox.
Walnut Grove	21	.....	Miss W. W. Byington.
Winthrop	53	Rowland S. Cross	Miss Anna Campbell.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE: William Blackwell, Harry W. Johnson, William H. Klose, George M. Morrison, George H. Rice, Enoch E. Rogers, Albert Warren.

IX. WINONA CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: St. Charles, May 15, 1900.

REGISTRAR: Rev. J. F. Taintor.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. E. B. Chase, W. H. Laird, Rev. R. L. Breed.

CHURCHES	Mem's.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Lake City	182	Ezra B. Chase	Mrs. C. E. Dutcher.
" Salem, Swedish	53	Emil A. Anderson	Mrs. E. A. Anderson.
Mazeppa	33	Jairus L. Nott	Mrs. J. W. Kingsley.
Plainview	119	.....	Mrs. G. A. Lyon.
Rochester	162	Jessie F. Taintor	J. W. Soule.
St. Charles	88	William G. Ramsay	Albert F. Knebler.
Stewartville	80	Robert G. Jones	Fred. C. Thomas.
Wabasha	157	Reuben L. Breed	Dr. C. H. Robinson.
Winona, 1st	369	Lester L. West	Geo. J. Hillyer.
" 2nd	69	William F. Trussell	Mrs. Ida Maxham.
" Scandinavian	36	Hans F. Josephson	Axel Bard.
Wiscoy, (Witoka)	10	.....	Mrs. Rilla B. Thomas.
Zumbro Falls	32	Jairus L. Nott	Miss Grace Disney.
Zumbrota	135	S. Edward Lynd	J. L. Williams.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE: Emil A. Anderson, Reuben L. Breed, Frank J. Brown, Ezra B. Chase, Samuel W. Dickinson, William L. Dibble, J. Edward Ingham, Hans G. Josephson, Robert G. Jones, William Lodwick, William G. Ramsay, Nathaniel Smith, Henry H. Stutson, Jesse F. Taintor, Lester L. West.

UNASSOCIATED CHURCHES.

CHURCHES	Mem's.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Carlos	12	Frank P. Ferguson	Mrs. H. Shackel.
Chokio	7	[William D. Ogg]	Mrs. Ackerman.
Culdrum, Swedish, (Flensburg)	15		
Elmdale, Bohemian	16	Philip Reitinger	John Soltis.
Franconia	24	John G. Princell	Mrs. Josephine Princell.
Ham Lake, Swedish	20		
Lida Lake, Swedish, (Erhard)			
McKinley	7		
Minneiska			
Mud Lake, (Attica)			
New York Mills			
Solway	8		
Star Lake			
Union Lake	28	Frank P. Ferguson	Fred Mead.

THE CHURCH		THE CLERK	THE MINISTER			MEMBERS				ADMISSIONS			REMOVALS				BAPS.	
Town or City	Org.	Name	Name	Ord.	C'd	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	C.	L.	To.	Dh.	L.	De.	To.	Ad.	Inf.
Ada	1882	Fred L. Hampson.	Hubert W. Stiles, *p*.	1899	1899	16	37	53	6	1	2	3	0	4	0	4	0	1
Afton	1858																	
Aitkin	1883	Mrs. A. L. Hamilton	[George A. Wickwire, *lic*]		1899	7	18	25	8	0	2	2	0	0	3	3		
Akeley	1898																	
Alexandria	1867	Dr. Chas. L. Good	William H. Medlar, *p*.	1885	1898	73	129	202	31	26	7	33	1	2	0	3	10	5
Anoka	1855	E. L. Curlal				40	103	143	36	0	1	1	0	12	0	12	0	1
Appleton	1879	Mrs. Zella L. Todsen	Frank O. Krause, *p*.	1896	1899	14	45	59	15	3	1	4	0	3	0	3	5	4
Arcola, **Marine Mills**	1878																	
Ash Creek	1889	F. D. Everett.	[John W. Anslenger, *lic*]		1900	3	3	6	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
Audubon	1872	Magaret C. Crovath				14	14	28	8	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	2
Austin	1857	Walter E. Waldron	Edward F. Wheeler, *p. c*.	1890	1898	122	208	330	20	4	6	10	3	7	6	16	0	5
Bagley	1898																	
Barnseville	1885	Julius G. Randall	T. Henry Lewis, *p*.	1894	1898	33	50	83	11	10	3	13	1	5	0	6	1	3
Belgrade, **Mankato**	1880	Mrs. S. J. Betts	[Rufus P. Upton, *lic*]		1899	32	45	77	7	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Belview	1897	Miss Cora Adsit	James Earle, *p*.	1889	1898	8	15	23	6	6	5	11	0	3	0	3	4	1
Benson	1876	Mrs. W. A. Foland	[S. Heath]		1900	17	45	62	12	8	6	14	0	3	0	3	0	3
Bertha	1889	Charles Hinman	[Isaac N. English, *p*].		1897	15	25	40	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Big Lake, Union	1884	Albert J. Johnson	William M. Jenkins, *p*.	1865	1900	31	49	80	15	9	0	9	3	3	0	6	4	0
Biwabik	1892	Dr. Chas. A. Bray				5	8	13	0	1	4	5	0	3	2	5	2	4
Brainerd, 1st	1872		George W. Gallagher, *p*.	1878	1897	44	85	129	24	1	6	7	0	5	0	5	0	20
" Peoples	1884	Mrs. J. F. Townsend	Harvey B. Bartel, *p*.	1899	1899	12	23	35	2	2	0	2		10	2	12	0	2
Brownton	1882	John P. West				11	24	35	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0
Burtrum, Palmer	1891	Miss Ella Willson	[Elmer E. Crane, *lic*]		1899	10	19	29	4	0	7	7	3	4	7	14	0	0
Cable, **Clear Lake**	1886	Miss Edith Ayers	William E. Griffith, *p*.	1897	1899	4	11	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Campbell	1886	Mrs. F. W. Maeckler	Jacob K. Shultz, *p*.	1882	1899	8	15	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	0	0
Cannon City, **Dean**	1888																	
Cannon Falls	1856	James L. Scofield	Charles E. Ryberg, *p*.	1899	1898	44	78	122	20	18	0	18	1	0	0	1	5	1
Carlos	1899	Mrs. H. Shackel	Frank P. Ferguson, *p*.	1899	1899	4	8	12	0	4	8	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chokio	1897	Mrs. Ackerman	William D. Ogg, *p*.	1899	1899	2	5	7	2									
Claremont	1860	Mrs. Orlo F. Way	Wesley R. Bosard, *p. c*.	1899	1898	12	20	32	0	0	5	5	0	2	0	2	0	0
Clarissa	1890																	
Clearwater	1859	Samuel Whiting	Albert E. Barnes, *p*	1899	1898	12	38	50	16	1	5	6	0	1	0	1	1	0
Cornish	1897																	
Correll	1896	Mrs. C. E. Hudson	Frank O. Krause, *p*.	1896	1899	2	11	13	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0
Cottage Grove	1858	John P. Furber	George S. Biscoe, *p*	1861	1896	20	47	67	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Crookston	1878	William L. Vannet.	Herman P. Fisher, *p. c*.	1885	1895	25	58	83	32	5	8	13	0	0	5	5	2	3
Culdrum, Swedish, **Swanville**	1896																	
Custer	1875																	
Dawson	1887	C. H. Sullivan	Arthur H. Tibbets, *p*.	1873	1899	28	53	81	0	1	9	10	2	3	0	5	0	1
Detroit City	1872	Miss Bessie L. Furber	Edward L. Brooks, *p*.	1892	1899	22	62	84	12	15	4	19	1	3	0	4	4	2
Dexter	1877	Mrs. Jennie Shurman				3	10	13	0	0	1	1	0	5	2	7	0	0
Dodge Center	1858	Mrs. W. R. Bosard	Wesley R. Bosard, *p*.	1899	1898	24	36	60	14	0	11	11	2	4	0	6	0	0

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Ada	C. R. Andrews	70	55	50	17	7	0	5	23	7	13	0	72	127	0	821
Afton																
Aitkin	Mrs. D. M. Falconer	76	45	52		0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	615
Akeley																
Alexandria	J. A. Cranston	258	150	150	105	91	50	1527	400	12	14	....	32	2126	0	3674
Anoka	E. L. Curial	90	75	120	40											1200
Appleton	Frank J. Skillman	100	61	50	25	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	9	0	600
Arcola **Marine Mills**																
Ash Creek																
Audubon	Oscar Nelson	50	40	8		0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	125
Austin	Calvin D. Decker	175	140	130	90	121	98	37	119	95	16	49	43	578	0	2551
Bagley																
Barnsville	S. F. Packard	180	140	100	70	11	0	3	8	13	3	0	0	38	0	1350
Belgrade, **Mankato**	L. B. Steel	74	50	25		14	5	9	5	8	10	0	0	51	0	816
Belview	George Countryman	35	25	23	20	7	0	5	6	0	0	0	0	18	0	767
Benson	A. A. Taylor	130	76	45	20	11	4	4	9	0	9	0	23	60	0	750
Bertha	H. O. LeGroe	60	50	75		1	0	2	4	0	0	0	17	24	0	225
Big Lake, Union	Albert J. Johnson	60	40	51	50	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	10	0	496
Biwabik	Miss Adeline Tipple	79	55	20		1	0	0	9	2	0	0	0	12	0	343
Brainerd, 1st		170	114	114	40	53	0	984	0	0	0	0	38	1075	0	1649
" Peoples	Miss Olive Knevett	115	83	28	33	11	0	0	4	0	3	0	21	39	0	850
Brownton	Chas. E. Butler	70	50	20	40	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	380
Burtrum, Palmer	Elsworth A. Dwellie	40	35	15	32	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	202
Cable, **Clear Lake**	Mrs. Mary Cater	40	30	20		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	91
Campbell	Mrs. Harry Cross	90	75	100	30	0	0	2	3	0	1	0	0	6	0	500
Cannon City, **Dean**																
Cannon Falls	Geo. T. Valentine	100	65	40	45	51	2	17	4	11	3	3	21	112	0	651
Carlos				20												2200
Choklo	Mrs. Ackerman	70	50													
Claremont	Eugene Norton	65	40	20	12	5	0	5	9	0	0	0	3	22	0	320
Clarissa																
Clearwater	Miss Helen S. Whiting	70	36		87	5	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	13	0	375
Cornish																
Correll	E. M. Richardson	40	27	20		3	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	9	0	150
Cottage Grove	Miss Belle Howard	40	30	40		16	0	0	12	1	4	0	0	33	0	403
Crookston	William L. Vannet	81	51	58	31	26	12	5	47	3	6	5	35	139	0	1450
Culdrum, Swedish, **Swanville**																
Custer																
Dawson	F. C. Grow					6	0	0	5	2	1	0	0	14	0	
Detroit City	S. M. Hume	116	65	50	33	22	0	10	34	11	3	0	10	90	0	1012
Dexter	George W. King	30	25	25		1	0	2	2	0	0	0	25	30	0	480
Dodge Center	J. K. Fancher	57	30	36	26	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	370

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Dorset	1898		Franklin H. Bassett, *p.*	1894	1899	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
Duluth, Pilgrim	1871	A. W. Fricke	Alexander Milne, *p. c.*	1889	1899	134	251	385	50	16	12	28	2	5	0	7	4	7
" West, Plymouth	1888	Carl Weaver	Esther Smith, *p.*	1893	1899	35	50	85	33	17	0	17	0	2	0	2	0	4
" New, Mayflower	1891	Miss Gertrude Keyes				8	12	20	11	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
" Morley	1894	Dea. C. A. Gregory	John H. B. Smith, *p.*	1883	1899	10	23	33	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3
Edgerton	1880	Mrs. L. A. Gullick	Pliny H. Fisk, *p.*	1885	1897	15	27	42	0	1	3	4	0	2	22	24	1	0
Elk River, Union	1875	W. G. Babcock	George Hindley, *p.*	1875	1898	29	44	73	44	3	5	8	2	2	0	4	2	0
Ellsworth	1890	Mrs. Myrtle Bratsberg	[John W. Anslenger, *lic*]		1900	7	21	28	10	1	1	2	0	0	2	2	7	0
Elmdale, Bohemian	1897	John Soltis	Philip Reitinger, *p.*	1889	1897	7	9	16	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Excelsior	1853	Miss Ella M. Stratton	Charles L. Mears, *p.*	1896	1896	61	105	166	11	8	10	18	2	2	2	6	2	2
Fairmont	1868	Mrs. A. T. French	Hiram B. Harrison, *p.*	1891	1899	41	92	133	15	6	17	23	2	9	1	12	1	3
Fair Oaks, **Tuthill**	1895	Mrs. F. A. Blanchard				5	6	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0
Faribault	1856																	
Farris and Cass Lake	1898	Allen Clark	Allen Clark, *p.*	1868	1899	5	10	15	4	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felton	1898																	
Fergus Falls	1872	Peter Winsor	John W. Todd, *p.*	1882	1900	31	72	103	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fertile	1888	Stanley S. LaDue	Benjamin Iorns, *p.*	1896	1897	7	19	26	6	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Fosston	1887	D. H. Fisk	Phillip W. Yarrow, *p.*	1899	1899	4	8	12	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Franconia, Swedish	1895	Mrs. Josephine Princell	John G. Princell, *p.*	1872	1898	10	14	24	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
Fraser, **Fairmont**	1894	Fred L. Hull				13	15	28	5	1	0	1	0	5	0	5	0	1
Freeborn	1873	Mrs. Abby Olson	Wilbur Fisk, *p. c.*	1876	1875	25	29	54	7	0	0	0	2	0	2	4	0	3
Freedom, **Alma City**	1878	Samuel O. Garlick Cream.	Wilbur Fisk, *p.*	1876	1885	12	22	34	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Garvin	1891	Wm. W. Jones	[Edwin A. Wood, *lic*]		1898	14	18	32	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	2	0	2
Georgetown	1891																	
Gibbon	1899					3	4	7										
Glencoe	1857	Nelson Hassan				44	63	107	0	4	0	4	4	7	0	11	0	0
Glenwood	1885	G. W. Thacher	William J. Brown, *p.*	1891	1897	24	37	61	7	3	3	6	0	2	18	20	1	3
Glyndon	1872	W. E. Tate				21	38	59	16	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3
Graceville	1887	Mrs. C. S. Pierce	Richard Watt, *p.*	1899	1897	10	29	39	17	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	4
Granada	1892	Mrs. S. Cooper	[Charles G. Oxley]		1898	14	29	43	17	8	3	11	0	1	0	1	0	0
Grand Meadow	1878	John De Young	Thomas W. Minnis, *p.*	1884	1897	8	29	37	3	7	0	7	0	2	1	3	4	0
Granite Falls	1872	Miss Carrie D. Barnes	James Earl, *p.*	1889	1898	19	28	47	10	9	5	14	1	0	0	1	6	3
Gray Eagle	1891	Mrs. A. M. Davis	[Elmer E. Cram, *lic*]		1899	7	15	22	4	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	0
Groveland, **Chowen**	1882																	
Hamilton	1860	Mrs. Martha L. Knox				20	30	50	25	0	0	0	5	1	0	6	0	0
Ham Lake, Swedish	1890																	
Hancock	1873	Mrs. F. H. Angier	George R. Searles, *p.*	1867	1896	9	25	34	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
Hartland	1873	Dea. Francis E. Phipps				4	6	10	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	3
Hasty	1889	Mrs. Sarah Sheldon	Albert E. Barnes, *p.*	1899	1898	12	20	32	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hawley, Union	1873	Dea. Adna Colburn	Samuel E. Fish, *p.*	1895	1898	20	34	54	8	1	3	4	1	1	0	2	1	7
Hibbing	1897																	
Hudson, **Villard**	1888	Mrs. Nellie Myers																

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Dorset	Miss Mamie Echart	40	30	15	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
Duluth, Pilgrim	Theron H. Hawkes, Jr.	250	180	200	45	178	0	18	156	119	20	0	1595	2086	0	6989
" West, Plymouth	Henry Brearley	120	71	30	24	5	0	8	13	0	12	0	0	38	0	800
" New, Mayflower						0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	5	0	3
" Morley	C. A. Gregory	105	76	50	30	12	0	10	12	8	8	0	19	69	0	1200
Edgerton	Rev. Pliny H. Fisk	120	71	60	30	19	0	12	15	0	5	0	11	62	0	470
Elk River, Union	J. H. Williams	150	115	.....	60	25	0	8	29	5	0	0	1	68	0	1500
Ellsworth	Miles Birkett	80	32	17	25	4	1	7	5	0	0	0	0	17	0	.....
Elmdale, Bohemian						0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
Excelsior	James Q. Wyer	126	87	100	50	73	9	13	64	13	4	2	17	195	.....	1558
Fairmount	J. E. Robinson	290	148	150	65	48	10	0	55	10	34	3	5	165	0	1400
Fair Oaks, Tuthill	Edward Tuthill	30	25	5	18	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	6	0	40
Fairbault																
Farris and Cass Lake	Mrs. E. K. Clark, Mrs. Wm. Summer	77	56	40	.....	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	430
Felton																
Fergus Falls	William Dunbrock	125	85	85	40											
Fertile	F. L. Owston	70	50	40	.....	7	0	4	13	0	2	0	0	26	0	439
Fosston	Phillip W. Yarrow	125	80	35	.....	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	.....
Franconia, Swedish	Gust Hammerburg	18	12	7	.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	75
Fraser, Fairmount	Miss Cora Chambers	32	23	6	18	6	0	0	2	0	15	0	0	23	0	60
Freeborn	John Luther	80	50	22	25	23	0	6	37	3	2	0	10	81	0	336
Freedom, Alma City	George G. Cream	30	18	22	25	8	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	12	0	190
Garvin	Mrs. Annie Jones	78	60	40	38	2	0	4	8	0	3	0	3	20	0	900
Georgetown																
Gibbon																
Glencoe	O. Simons	100	70	.....	91	0	0	10	24	0	2	0	10	46	0	1229
Glenwood	C. H. Fjelstad	130	80	100	75	50	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	65	0	2810
Glyndon	Walter Shave	81	51	35	20	12	0	3	17	3	2	0	4	41	0	.....
Graceville	Glen Howard	70	50	43	30	0	0	2	25	0	3	0	10	40	0	900
Granada	A. A. Williams	80	46	58	31	1	0	2	7	0	2	0	4	16	0	450
Grand Meadow	Mrs. E. F. Greening	70	52	35	.....	12	0	3	6	8	0	6	6	41	0	500
Granite Falls	Hugh Lompman	100	65	125	.....	6	1	8	4	1	1	0	0	21	0	3400
Grey Eagle	Elmer E. Cram	25	18	14	.....	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	7	0	222
Groveland, Chowen																
Hamilton						0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	
Ham Lake, Swedish																
Hancock	E. J. Bahe	130	55	75	.....	15	11	5	10	0	8	0	21	70	0	515
Hartland	F. E. Phipps	30	10	7	.....	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	65
Hasty	E. D. Sheldon	43	33	15	22	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	.....
Hawley, Union	John N. Lewis	120	68	3	57	36	8	7	19	10	7	0	20	107	0	950
Hibbing																
Hudson, Willard																

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Hutchinson	1870	C. E. Gillett	Frank H. Richardson, *p*...	1894	1898	27	108	135	22	6	12	18	2	4	1	7	3	5
Kanaranzi	1892																	
Kasota, Swedish	1889	Dea. John Olson	Ernest V. Bjorklund, *p*.....	1896	1895	12	18	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kragness	1896																	
Lake Belt	1893	Tryphosa Headley	J. Edward Ingham, *p*.....	1896	1898	12	21	33	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Lake Benton	1880	Mrs. J. B. Davidson	William H. Klose, *p*.....	1891	1899	6	21	27	6	3	4	7	0	2	0	2	0	2
Lake City	1856	Mrs. C. E. Dutcher	Ezra B. Chase, *p*.....	1876	1892	80	182	262	0	13	3	16	9	2	0	11	4	5
" " Swedish	1885	E. S. Anderson	Emil A. Anderson, *p*.....	1895	1897	20	33	53	8	9	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	7
Lake Emily, **Hancock**	1883	Mrs. Jane Councilman	George R. Searles, *p*.....	1867	1899	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lakeland	1858																	
Lake Park	1891	Mrs. F. B. Higley	Levi Loring, *p*.....	1863	1899	7	13	20	2	0	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	0
Lake Stay	1880	Mrs. A. F. Chase	.....	.....	.....	10	21	31	7	8	0	8	2	2	1	5	3	4
Lake View, **Detroit City**	1879																	
Lamberton	1889	A. A. McLeland	Enoch E. Rogers, *p*.....	1869	1896	18	32	50	2	10	0	10	0	2	4	6	10	0
Lengly	1899			.....	.....	5	10	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lida Lake, Swedish, **Erhard**	1897																	
Little Falls	1872	E. M. McIntyre	Frederick A. Sumner, *p*....	1894	1897	62	133	195	57	9	3	12	1	0	0	1	2	8
Long Lake	1888																	
Lyle	1886	E. J. Van Bronhorst	Delbert W. Cram, *p*.....	1895	1898	16	20	36	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0
McIntosh	1892																	
McKinley	1893																	
McPherson, **St. Clair**	1875																	
Madison	1886	Mrs. S. E. Farnham	John L. Jones, *p*.....	1895	1899	9	32	41	5	1	4	5	0	3	0	3	0	3
Manchester, **Armstrong**	1887																	
Mankato	1870	Mrs. T. Hughes	T. Merrill Edmands, *p*.....	1888	1897	37	105	142	34	1	14	15	0	3	24	27	1	0
" Swedish	1889	William Anderson	Ernst B. Bjorklund, *p*.....	1876	1895	29	41	70	0	3	0	3	2	2	1	5	0	4
Mantorville	1858	Mrs. W. C. A. Wallar	William C. A. Wallar, *p*....	1889	1896	52	104	156	23	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	6
Maplebay	1887	Mrs. L. A. Hunter	.....	.....	.....	1	4	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mapleton	1882	Miss Sue L. Sprague	Jules A. Derome, *p*.....	1889	1895	28	59	87	30	1	5	6	3	2	0	5	0	0
Marietta	1887	Mrs. H. M. Bell	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marshall	1872	J. W. Humphrey	George W. Morrison, *p. c*...	1890	1894	53	96	149	14	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	4
Mazeppa	1860	Mrs. J. W. Kingsley	.....	.....	.....	6	27	33	9	2	2	4	1	6	0	7	2	2
Medford	1856	Dea. Daniel McKinlay	Ernest C. Chires, *p*.....	1890	1899	28	56	84	17	0	2	2	2	3	3	8	0	0
Mentor	1882	A. D. Tice	.....	.....	.....	3	7	10	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis, 1st	1851	Willard W. Morse	Ernest W. Shurtleff, *p*.....	1889	1898	173	371	544	122	33	34	67	10	15	0	25	0	0
" Plymouth	1857	Charles M. Shearer	Leavitt H. Hallock, *p*.....	1867	1898	305	556	861	134	38	103	141	11	64	127	202	8	7
" Park Avenue	1867	Wm. M. Bristol	Clarence F. Swift, *p*.....	1886	1899	204	376	580	100	5	13	18	8	37	0	45	2	1
" Pilgrim	1873	E. C. Scarborough	Calvin B. Moody, *p*.....	1880	1892	117	299	416	70	23	12	35	2	13	0	15	6	9
" Vine	1882	James V. S. Fisher	J. Bruce Mather, *p. c*.....	1891	1897	39	88	127	0	6	7	13	1	9	23	33	4	3
" Como Avenue	1882	Mrs. Geo. M. Furber	Jay M. Hulbert, *p*.....	1893	1899	43	90	133	45	0	11	11	1	5	4	10	0	0
" Union, **St. Louis Pk.**	1882	Mrs. J. Hamilton	Daniel D. Davis, *p*.....	1887	1897	28	45	73	18	1	1	2	0	2	0	2	0	6
" Open Door	1884	Mrs. Clara B. Kelley	Ernest E. Day, *p*.....	1899	1899	40	102	142	50	5	1	6	2	25	10	37	0	1

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Hutchinson	Dea. C. K. Goodnow	250	143	150	100	57	66	6	57	15	0	0	39	240	0	1140
Kanaranzi																
Kasota, Swedish	John Olson	45	30													
Kragness																
Lake Belt	P. D. Worthley	60	45	18	22	41	1	2	2	1	7	0	100	154	0	170
Lake Benton	Mrs. Reuben Taylor	75	48	20	46	0	3	5	11	3	5	5	0	32	0	1088
Lake City	J. T. Wallis	185	125	110	96	74	28	10	59	35	8	0	50	264	0	1950
" " Swedish	Charles Olson	62	40	35		1	0	1	7	0	3	0	0	12	0	815
Lake Emily, **Hancock**						1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	5	0	66
Lakeland																
Lake Park	Elmer Kelly	104	75	80	19	4	0	5	5	3	3	3	0	23	0	435
Lake Stay	E. M. Belgen	63	49	10	17	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	6	13	0	224
Lake View, **Detroit City**																
Lamberton	John Street	120	63	40	70	33	5	10	19	10	2	0	3	82	0	1098
Lengly																
Lida Lake, Swedish, **Erhard**																
Little Falls	Harry Donovan	175	100	150	25	20	10	18	58	0	9	0	100	215	0	2150
Long Lake																
Lyle	Fred C. Smith	100	57	60	15	0	0	10	0	0	3	8	0	21	0	790
McIntosh																
McKinley																
McPherson, **St. Clair**																
Madison	Rev. J. L. Jones	90	54	40	40	7	22	5	10	10	5	0	1	60	0	775
Manchester, **Armstrong**																
Mankato	Thos. Hughes	120	80	50	44	34	0	1	10	10	3	30	5	93	0	1767
" Swedish	Ed. Nordgren	71	50		22	0	0	100	11	0	0	0	0	111	0	675
Mantorville	H. A. Smith	120	63	80	15	33	4	0	31	10	27	13	0	119	0	2282
Maplebay	Miss Carrie Hunter	28	15													30
Mapelton	Royal L. Potter	130	55	55	50	35	0	7	19	0	0	0	27	88	0	955
Marietta																
Marshall	Walter S. Little	145	90	85	50	69	116	45	69	56	19	4	22	400	0	1664
Mazeppa	W. H. Squire	87	57	50	93										519	800
Mecdford	James F. McKinlay	80	56			8	4	18	9	3	4		3	49	0	797
Mentor	A. D. Tice	50	20													
Minneapolis, 1st	Hiram A. Scriver	450	264	169	100	105	50	0	435	0	12	0	350	952	0	5000
" Plymouth	Harrington Beard	980	666	600	80	2628	260	92	3095	356	181	100	225	6937	0	11561
" Park Avenue	Edward T. Teitsworth	500	300	225	135	96	20	11	131	34	7	3	20	322	0	25850
" Pilgrim	J. H. Jepson	610	362	400	118	348	122	38	133	79	12	0	185	917	0	4225
" Vine	E. M. Newcomb	236	214	200	105	57	14	28	25	5	5	7	49	190	0	1639
" Como Avenue	C. M. Way		108	40		194	2	5	40	10	24	0	0	275	0	
" Union, **St. Louis Pk.**	Louis W. Fuller	85	60	45	20	10	0	5	10	0	0	0	0	25	0	1000
" Open Door	Edwin A. Cadwell	177	101	75	54	34	0	0	29	0	0	0	7	70	0	1156

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Minneapolis, Lyndale	1884	Dea. Francis L. Frary	Charles E. Burton, *p*	1898	1899	108	224	332	40	10	32	42	2	23	3	28	8	3
" Fremont Avenue	1885																	
" Fifth Avenue	1886	L. A. Condit	James E. Smith, *p*	1881	1896	54	99	153	5	1	4	5	0	9	0	9	1	0
" Mizpah, **Hopkins**	1888	Mrs. Geo. Gould				6	22	28	7	2	1	3	1	3	0	4	2	0
" Bethany	1889	Rev. S. G. Updyke	Stephen G. Updyke, *p*	1871	1897	50	72	122	38	5	4	9	2	3	0	5	4	0
" Robbinsdale	1889	Mrs. Magaretta Roth	James Oakey, *p*	1875	1898	26	45	71	3	6	3	9	0	2	2	4	5	0
" Lowry Hill	1890	William Cheney	Henry Holmes, *p*	1892	1898	74	125	199	10	7	13	20	1	13	0	14	0	3
" 1st Scandinavian	1891																	
" New Brighton	1890	Mrs. C. A. Thompson				5	10	15	0	0	1	1	0	10	4	14	1	3
" Oak Park	1891	Alfred H. Chase				32	70	102	41	12	7	19	0	8	0	8	9	2
" Forest Heights	1894	Mrs. R. A. Hadden	Robert A. Hadden, *p*	1895	1898	73	133	206	3	31	20	51	1	11	0	12	8	12
" Temple Swedish	1897		Jonas M. Ahustrom, *p*	1885	1896	55	66	121	0	46	0	46	1	3	0	4	0	16
" 38th Street	1897	L. H. Thompson				15	39	54	3	6	2	8	1	0	0	1	4	4
Minneiska	1893																	
Montevideo	1872	Ernest P. Lee	P. Adelstein Johnson, *p*	1898	1898	30	60	90	26	6	10	16	1	7	0	8	4	4
Monticello	1856	A. H. Bertram	Carl J. Swain, *p*	1891	1898	33	66	99	16	0	6	6	3	6	3	12	0	8
Moorhead	1894	Fred Stalley	John S. Rood, *p*	1887	1897	25	57	82	24	10	4	14	0	5	0	5	2	1
Morris	1874	Dea. D. T. Wheaton	[Thomas E. Archer]		1898	39	61	100	23	0	4	4	0	5	0	5	0	0
Morristown	1878	Mrs. B. L. Hollister	Charles A. Ruddock, *p*	1861	1898	17	36	53	8	0	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	0
Mud Lake, **Attica**	1894																	
Nassan																		
New Richland	1882	Richard R. H. Harrison				18	43	61	6	5	0	5	0	1	0	1	3	2
New Ulm	1883	Herman Held	Harry N. Johnson, *p*	1896	1897	30	47	77	9	0	3	3	1	6	5	12	0	1
New York Mills	1895																	
North Branch	1883	J. G. Rider	William A. Wilkinson, *p*	1897	1898	12	24	36	0	20	3	23	0	0	0	0	5	1
Northfield	1856	George H. Alden	James E. McConnell, *p. c*	1887	1890	179	322	501	86	6	24	30	4	22	4	30	3	6
Orrock, Union	1895	Miss Grace Craig	William M. Jenkins, *p*	1865	1900	3	5	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Ortonville	1876	Miss H. O. Matthews	Fred L. V. Meske, *p*	1891	1897	17	54	71	24	2	3	5	1	3	0	4	2	0
Owatonna	1857	J. P. Johnson	J. Sidney Gould, *p*	1894	1899	88	162	250	39	19	1	20	1	15	0	16	11	0
Park Rapids	1884	William J. Conard	Franklin H. Bassett, *p*	1894	1899	11	20	31	9	2	6	8	0	1	5	6	2	0
Paynesville	1866	L. M. Bennett	Charles H. Moxie, *p*	1886	1899	43	54	97	23	14	9	23	1	9	0	10	7	0
Pelican Rapids	1882	Mrs. H. N. Bruce	Lars A. Sahlstrom, *p*	1899	1899	12	39	51	6	4	2	6	0	9	7	16	1	0
Perham	1897	Mrs. W. H. Hanscom				2	10	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0
Pillsbury	1889	W. J. Bolmer	[Elmer E. Cram, *lic*]		1899	8	11	19	6	0	0	0	0	3	4	7	0	0
Plainview	1863	Mrs. G. A. Lyon				39	80	119	4	0	0	0	0	11	19	30	0	2
Poplar	1899					4	8	12										
Preston Lake, **Stewart**	1871																	
Princeton	1856	John F. Petterson	David Donovan, *p*	1887	1899	19	42	61	2	2	4	6	2	3	4	9	0	1
Randall	1894	S. C. Cochran	Edward N. Ruddock, *p*	1858	1899	9	18	27	11	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rochester	1858	J. W. Soule	Jesse F. Taintor, *p*	1878	1886	46	116	162	23	9	2	11	3	3	8	14	2	4
Rose Creek	1872	Mrs. A. P. Rounce				5	13	18	0	5	0	5	0	2	0	2	3	1
Round Prairie	1892	John MacCarahan	J. Frank Locke, *p*	1875	1894	18	32	50	3	2	13	15	0	2	0	2	2	0

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Minneapolis, Lyndale	B. W. Smith	400	301	400	125	267	17	0	115	30	14	0	75	518	0	3000
" Fremont Avenue																
" Fifth Avenue	J. M. McBride	300	173	125	60	57	22	51	1	1	1	5	0	138	0	8662
" Mizpah, Hopkins	Mrs. Geo. Gould	75														
" Bethany	Arthur W. Austin	300	175	100	60											
" Robbinsdale	A. B. Robbins	155	83	45	57	36	0	7	12	11	2	0	1	69	0	846
" Lowry Hill	E. J. Davenport	278	141	125	50	58	0	6	105	6	13	13	25	226	0	2867
" 1st Scandinavian																
" New Brighton	F. M. Searles	50	40	8												165
" Oak Park						0	8	20	11	3	8	0	0	50	0	
" Forest Heights	P. R. Hamilton	250	150	150	130	32	2	2	23	3	3	2	50	117	0	1400
" Temple Swedish	Louis Turnquist	60	40	34	36											1200
" 38th Street	J. O. Williams	160	116	50	40	3	0	3	9	0	2	1	0	18	0	675
Minnetska																
Montevideo	C. K. Baker	120	70	60	20	32	304	4	3	17	3	0	0	363	0	1175
Montieello	Mrs. J. L. Harwick	117	55	90	50	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	1200
Moorhead	Prof. C. A. Ballard	110	65	50	24	23	2	2	21	3	12	1	25	89	0	1400
Morris	John J. Pimm	188	72	60	80	37	58	12	29	13	6	0	38	193	0	1517
Morristown	E. L. Peterson	80	65	40	40	0	0	6	4	0	2	0	0	12	0	350
Mud Lake, Attica																
Nassan																
New Richland						8	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	15	0	576
New Ulm	G. A. Ottomeyer	90	65	68	55	28	4	5	38	0	6	5	3	89	0	1292
New York Mills																
North Branch	Mamie Mathews	72	48	31	18	0	0	29	1	0	0	0	0	30	0	447
Northfield	H. C. Wilson	228	136	200	90	875	1873	144	206	213	60	84	1050	4505	0	3892
Orrock, Union		42	31	4		0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	46
Ortonville	F. Shumaker	120	78	40	50	23	103	6	0	0	13	0	11	156	0	1800
Owatonna	L. L. Wheelock	215	127	125	89	142	23	19	65	21	27	15	0	312	0	1880
Park Rapids	Henry R. Cobb	40	30	35	14	0	0	0	6	0	6	0	0	12	0	400
Paynesville	C. H. Moxie	140	49	65	60	20	0	4	28	0	4	0	34	90	0	1000
Pelican Rapids	Miss Marianne Sutton	127	75			0	0	19	29	6	3	0	0	57	0	519
Perham	Miss Edna Dawson	60	40	30	35	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	20	0	500
Pillsbury	R. H. Perley	35	25	17	25	10	0	1	2	0	1	0	2	16	0	75
Plainview	Geo. Christianson	117	50	50	37	17	0	0	14	0	3	0	0	34	0	
Poplar																
Preston Lake, Stewart																
Princeton	O. J. McCarrich	60	50	75	40	24	3	3	15	3	5	0	0	53	0	1300
Randall	S. Thrall	6		6	20	2	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	7	0	250
Rochester	W. J. Eaton	225	140	90	85	298	27	40	136	53	16	17	41	628	0	1950
Rose Creek	F. G. Ray	40	30	12	13	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	8	0	
Round Prairie	S. S. Sargeant	40	35	25	12	0	0	6	0	0	3	0	0	9	0	150

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Rush City, Swedish	1882																	
Sacred Heart	1899																	
St. Charles	1859	Albert F. Kuebler	William G. Ramsay, *p*	1898	1898	31	57	88	9	2	3	5	0	1	2	3	2	0
St. Cloud	1864	John F. Jerrard																
" Swedish	1892	John Erickson	[Karl E. Peterson, *lic*]		1899	27	25	52	0	0	2	2	0	2	3	5	0	6
St. Paul, Plymouth	1858	Warren Upham				124	214	338	150	21	3	24	4	11	0	15	7	10
" Pacific	1882	John M. Boxell	William J. Gray, *p*	1888	1899	92	160	252	38	51	9	60	2	9	0	11	4	15
" Atlantic	1883	Geo. D. Hammond	William W. Lewis, *p*	1886	1896	40	64	104	5	30	3	33	1	10	7	18	27	4
" Park	1883	Samuel Cummings	Alexander McGregor, *p. c.*	1886	1898	107	212	319	25	4	14	18	2	14	16	32	1	11
" St. Anthony Park	1886	Henry L. Hunter	Edwin S. Pressey, *p. c*	1888	1896	83	107	190	37	14	8	22	0	2	0	2	7	3
" Bethany	1887	Ed. J. Souther	William A. Gerrie, *p*	1893	1900	62	106	168	60	65	7	72	2	5	0	7	35	3
" Olivet, **Merriam Park**	1888	H. W. Snell	John H. Sammis, *p. c*	1880	1899	43	82	125	19	2	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
" South Park	1888	John N. Irving	Henry A. Risser, *p*	1887	1899	13	29	42	0	0	2	2	0	6	0	6	0	0
" Peoples	1888	Leonard A. Straight	Samuel G. Smith, *p*	1876	1888	153	313	466	27	5	15	20	2	5	0	7	2	14
" University Avenue	1895	Henry W. Parsons	Henry W. Parsons, *p*	1872	1896	10	27	37	0	5	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	9
" Peoples, **Hazel Park**	1895	R. T. Hiler	Henry A. Risser, *p*	1887	1898	8	10	18	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
" Peoples, German	1895	G. A. Rinker	William Oehler, *p*	1876	1890	25	35	60	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	9
Salem, **Courtland**	1855	David L. Harris	John E. Jones, *p*	1871	1894	15	20	35	4	1	2	3	0	3	0	3	0	10
Sandstone, Swedish	1891	August Walden				7	7	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sauk Center	1867	Dea. James A. Norris	G. Ernest Smith, *p*	1878	1895	60	114	174	19	6	8	14	2	1	0	3	6	7
Sauk Rapids	1855	James Bunn	William E. Griffith, *p*	1897	1899	7	27	34	....	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	0
" " Swedish	1888	John Erickson																
Sebeka	1890	Mrs. H. H. Griffey				10	10	20										
Selma	1891	Henry Currier				23	24	47	4	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	4	3
Sherburne	1879	Dr. George R. Hamden	J. Edward Ingham, *p*	1896	1898	26	39	65	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shevlin	1899					8	10	18										
Silver Lake, Bohemian	1898	Charles Pokorny	Philip Reitinger, *p*	1889	1891	50	41	91	2	3	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	6
Sleepy Eye	1873	Dea. Isaac Gallagher	William Blackwell, *p*	1872	1891	34	75	109	0	3	1	4	0	2	0	2	2	5
Solway	1899					3	5	8										
South Bend	1895																	
Spencer Brook	1892																	
Sprinfield	1876	Mrs. Mary P. Rowe	Arthur S. Heathcote, *p*	1898	1899	13	21	34	3	4	1	5	1	1	0	2	4	0
Spring Valley	1856	Dea. W. L. Kellog	Willis A. Warren, *p*	1892	1897	71	159	230	36	8	13	21	2	14	32	48	5	2
Staples	1890	W. S. Gish	[George L. Hunt, *lic*]		1899	9	32	41	11	0	0	0	0	2	9	11	0	0
Star Lake	1893																	
Stewart	1887	Dea. E. Baumgarten				18	32	50	7	4	2	6	2	1	0	3	0	0
Stewartville	1880	Fred C. Thomas	Robert G. Jones, *p*	1891	1899	25	55	80	10	4	6	10	0	4	0	4	0	0
Stillwater	1883	Miss Mary Jenks	Hiram H. Appleman, *p*	1895	1899	43	144	187	0	1	1	2	0	3	0	3	0	3
Sunrise	1889	Mrs. C. Spirac				2	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Swanville	1891	Mrs. E. A. Flood	[Edward H. Cox, *lic*]		1900	4	10	14	0	4	3	7	0	0	0	0	4	0
Taopi	1890	Dea. Wilbur F. Davis	[J. Russell Jones]		1898	4	13	17	....	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	..	..
Tintah	1891	Mrs. Hattie Nuckolls	Jacob K. Shultz, *p*	1882	1899	6	10	16	0	1	2	3	0	2	0	2	0	1

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Rush City, Swedish																
Sacred Heart																
St. Charles	S. P. Dixon	148	85	110	95	17	0	3	3	4	5	3	0	35	0	1472
St. Cloud																
" Swedish	Nils Larson	163	100	35		5	0	0	2	0	0	0	20	27	20	895
St. Paul, Plymouth	Dr. B. H. Ogden	655	385	140	63	111	61	10	471	8	12	10	109	792	0	3971
" Pacific	Miss Francis Nicoll	323	212	200	124	50	11	26	124	12	24	5	116	368	0	2187
" Atlantic	C. B. Neinaber	130	104	60	40	10	2	15	91	25	4	1	43	191	0	2251
" Park	Dea. C. J. Hunt	300	210	300	48	236	47	32	259	30	32	0	100	736	0	6200
" St. Anthony Park	E. C. Hall	200	130	95	80	107	12	6	89	18	15	7	75	329	0	2265
" Bethany	Charles Crissey	130	99	0	36	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	48	0	1500
" Olivet, **Merriam Park**	F. J. Snell	248	163		30	166	5	30	48	26	11	9	98	393	0	2327
" South Park	C. W. Clark	115	64	40	65	25	0	0	57	16	5	0	0	103	0	397
" Peoples	Dr. A. F. Goodrich	450	390	500	60	10	0	0	150	0	0	0	725	885		10250
" University Avenue	Roy Kilborn	130	67	45	22	9	0	0	14	0	3	0	0	26	0	750
" Peoples, **Hazel Park**	Edward L. Tepel	45	26	20	15	9	0	2	8	0	2	0	0	21	0	157
" Peoples, German	August Luedemann	140	75	60		0	0	5	12	0	0	0	10	27	0	700
Salem, **Courtland**	David E. Bowen	70	35	25	30	0	0	50	0	0	0	75	0	125	0	500
Sandstone, Swedish		50	35												116	114
Sauk Center	W. A. Barto	130	80	120	74	85	2	10	50	3	3	2	50	205	0	1800
Sauk Rapids	James Carpenter	65	35	30	23	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	620
" Swedish																
Sebeka																
Selma	David Kennedy	50	42	15		0	0	0	3	0	0	0	10	13	0	960
Sherburne	Dr. N. H. Gaugh	121	68	60	45	9	2	10	6	15	5	0	17	64	0	1215
Shevlin																
Silver Lake, Bohemian	John S. Frabek	106	66	44	48	174	52	135	138	5	7	9	10	530	0	520
Sleepy Eye	W. R. Reid	175	125	50	45	15	0	6	12	9	4	0	22	68	0	1225
Solway																
South Bend																
Spencer Brook																
Springfield	Mrs. A. Heathcote	75	54	20	35	9	0	4	9	0	0	0	1	23	0	514
Spring Valley	Everett Jones	141	101	135	114	89	10	13	38	74	6	7	41	278	0	1600
Staples	Mrs. Robinson	98	57	19	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	860
Star Lake																
Stewart	Frank Ludgen	53	42	25	30	16	0	3	5	0	0	0	0	24	0	311
Stewartville	Rev. C. M. Stevens	70	50	50	55	11	0	8	4	1	7	0	0	31	0	1021
Stillwater	James Lowrie	175	100	100	60	15	0	3	8	5	0	4	4	39	0	1224
Sunrise	E. E. Chase	45	30	20												
Swanville	Mrs. Thos. Adams	50	30	10	18											150
Taopi						3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	6		
Tintah	Mrs. Ida Putnam	38	14	9		0	0	4	0	0	3	0	0	7		

THE CHURCH		THE CLERK	THE MINISTER			MEMBERS				ADMISSIONS			REMOVALS				BAPS.	
Town or City	Org.	Name	Name	Ord.	C'd	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	C.	L.	To.	Dh	L.	De.	To.	Ad.	Inf.
Tyler	1875	Dr. A. J. Cox	William H. Klose, *p*	1891	1899	6	16	22	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ulen, Swedish	1899					16	17	33										
Union Lake	1899	Fred Mead	Frank P. Ferguson, *p*	1899	1898	9	19	28		14	14	28	3	0	0	3	9	0
Upsala, Swedish	1888	Gust Nelson	Nels J. Bolin, *p*	1897	1897	64	56	120	0	5	0	5	1	0	0	1	0	21
Verndale	1880	Mrs. Minnie E. Moull	Charles M. Smythe, *p*	1895	1899	7	15	22	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Villard	1883	Daniel W. Shear	[Benjamin Samuel, *lic*]		1898	13	21	34	0	4	0	4	3	0	0	3	4	0
Wabasha	1857	Dr. C. H. Robinson	Reuben L. Breed, *p*	1896	1898	46	111	157	20	2	2	4	2	5	0	7	0	8
Wadena	1880	John Liddell	Frederick Oehler, *p*	1890	1899	32	79	111	11	6	1	7	0	12	4	16	5	6
Walker	1896																	
Walnut Grove	1874	Miss W. W. Byington				5	16	21	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Waseca	1868	F. W. Roth	John A. Eakin, *p*	1894	1898	54	91	145	23	3	6	9	1	6	22	29	0	0
Waterville	1879	Louise E. Kennick				12	32	44	6	2	2	4	4	0	0	4	0	0
Wayzata	1881	Nels Martinson	Alice Ruth Palmer, *p*	1896	1895	17	21	38	7	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	2	1
Welch	1870	A. Black				11	10	21	7	0	0	0						
West Dora, Lida	1887	Miss Eveline Smith				6	12	18	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0
Winona, 1st	1854	George J. Hillyer	Lester L. West, *p*	1878	1889	106	263	369	65	3	11	14	6	7	0	13	0	6
" 2nd	1887	Mrs. Ida Maxham	William F. Trussell, *p*	1895	1899	23	46	69	10	0	3	3	2	3	15	20	0	0
" Scandinavian	1895	Alex Bard	Hans F. Josepson, *p*	1895	1897	16	20	36	5	1	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	4
Winthrop	1889	Miss Anna Campbell	Rowland S. Cross, *p*	1876	1898	24	29	53	15	0	4	4	1	0	0	1	0	2
Wiscoy, Witoka	1884	Mrs. Rilla B. Thomas				4	6	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Worthington	1870	Geo. O. Moore	Josiah P. Dickerman, *p*	1891	1899	51	86	137	11	1	6	7	0	13	0	13	0	0
Zumbro Falls	1890	Miss Grace Disney	Jairus L. Nott, *p*	1885	1900	9	23	32	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
Zumbrota	1857	J. L. Williams	S. Edward Lynd, *p*	1895	1899	43	92	135	21	0	0	0	2	9	0	11	0	0

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.					Y. P. S. C. E. Members.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUIONS.										Home Ex.
Place.	The Superintendent.	Mr.	Av.	Fam.		For'n.	E'n.	C'h Bg.	H'e M.	A.M. A.	S.S.	M.A.	Other.	TOTAL.	Leg.	
Tyler	A. J. Cox	50	40	19	.....	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	10	0	210
Ulen, Swedish		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union Lake		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1700
Upsala, Swedish	L. M. Larson	120	86	100	50	0	0	3	8	0	2	0	0	13	.....	604
Verndale	Miss Clara McMillan	40	30	100	44	0	0	0	5	0	4	0	0	9	0	443
Villard	R. M. Faust	47	40	10	25	4	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	12	0	225
Wabasha	Judge M. Kennedy	168	98	150	88	51	0	1	27	0	10	0	40	129	.....	1484
Wadena	Eugene Boss	112	71	68	71	9	5	0	18	0	10	0	25	67	0	1167
Walker		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Walnut Grove	Mrs. Belle McDonald	50	35	.....	.....	2	0	10	5	1	1	0	0	19	0	.....
Waseca	Mrs. Geo. A. Wilson	165	101	95	32	80	31	22	29	9	3	5	30	209	0	2269
Waterville	H. P. Blair	85	53	.....	50	6	14	0	4	2	0	0	1	27	0	355
Wayzata	Nettie Hoagland	40	30	60	45	6	10	7	3	0	5	0	0	31	0	575
Welch	C. D. Carver	45	25	9	.....	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	5	12	0	90
West Dora, Lida	William Kilts	35	20	14	.....	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	4	0	200
Winona, 1st	A. W. Laird	385	275	200	35	651	781	31	889	37	4	0	388	2781	0	3761
" 2nd	Mrs. W. F. Trussell	115	78	50	25	0	5	0	28	0	0	0	0	33	0	345
" Scandinavian	O. C. Loken	60	40	22	22	15	0	5	9	0	0	0	12	41	0	450
Winthrop	D. E. Wagner	100	65	50	35	11	0	15	17	2	2	0	75	122	0	610
Wiscoy, Witoka	William Brown	50	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Worthington	Dr. G. R. Curran	130	103	100	80	64	29	19	62	24	15	11	212	436	0	1350
Zumbro Falls	Albert Sugg	65	58	.....	40	1	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	7	0	200
Zumbrota	Lewis Scofield	147	93	50	45	93	18	9	38	15	3	0	0	176	0	1200

GENERAL SUMMARY.

CHANGES from last *Year-Book's* list of Churches: *Added.*—Carlos, Gibbon, Lengly, Nassau, Poplar, Sacred Heart Scandinavian, Sebeka, Shevlin, Solway, Ulen, Union Lake.

CHURCHES: 11 with pastors installed by council; 123 pastors otherwise inducted; 99 vacant (including 16 supplied by licentiates or ministers of other denominations). Total, 233.

CHURCH MEMBERS: 6290 males; 11990 females. Total, 18280 including 2652 absent. Gain, 469.

ADDITIONS: 914 by confession; 748 by letter. Total, 1662.

REMOVALS: 177 by death; 718 by dismissal; 480 by discipline. Total, 1375.

BAPTISMS: 231 adult; 436 infant.

IN SABBATH SCHOOLS: Members, 30452; gain, 88; average, 19554.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES: Number of societies, 132; members, 6370.

FAMILIES: 169 churches reporting (195 last year), 11171; loss, 2023.

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS: 166 churches reporting (173 last year), Foreign, $9,117; Education, $4,483; Church Building, $4,109; Home, $9,222; A. M. A. $1,720; Sunday School, $987; Ministeral Aid, $532 Other, $6,874; Total, $37,044; Increase, $3,561.

BENEVOLENT LEGACIES: $655.

HOME EXPENDITURES: 149 churches reporting (165 last year), $229,007; Increase, $55,830.

ORGANIZATIONS.—Nine Conferences; Anoka, Central, Duluth, Mankato, Minnesota Valley, Northern Pacific, Owatonna, Western, Winona, within the General Congregatiogal Association of Minnesota.

FIFTH-YEAR STATISTICS.

MINNESOTA.

TOWN OR CITY	VALUE OF CHURCH	YEAR OF ERECTION	VALUE OF PARSONAGE	INVESTED FUNDS	INDEBTEDNESS	SALARY
Ada	$ 1,200	1886	$	$	$	$ 800
Afton						
Aitkin	3,500					470
Akeley						
Alexandria	25,000	1893	1,200			1,400
Anoka	9,000	1867			1,200	800
Appleton	3,200	1891				400
Arcola						
Ash Creek	800	1889				100
Audubon	1,000	1873				
Austin	18,000	1892			2,500	1,300
Bagley						
Barnesville	1,800	1885	1,500		580	800
Belgrade	2,500	1892	1,000		300	400
Belview	1,200	1896				400
Benson	1,800	1882	1,000			600
Bertha	1,100	1897				150
Big Lake, Union	2,000	1894	1,000			500
Biwabik	1,000	1893				600
Brainerd, 1st	9,450	1881				1,200
" Peoples	1,600	1898			554	360
Brownton						300
Burtrum, Palmer	1,600	1891	400			125
Cable	1,500	1889				150
Campbell	3,150	1892	800			2,000
Cannon City						
Cannon Falls	1,600	1866	1,600			600
Carlos	2,100					125
Chokio	800	1898			150	600
Claremont	800	1878				600
Clarissa						
Clearwater	2,300	1860	650		30	300
Cornish						
Correll	1,000	1897				100
Cottage Grove	3,000	1868	1,500			330
Crookston	5,500	1884	1,500			900
Culdrum, Swedish						
Custer	$		$	$	$	$
Dawson	1,200		1,000			550
Detroit City	3,886	1893				700
Dexter	500	1878		600	250	300
Dodge Center	2,500	1878	800		170	360
Dorset	125	1899				50
Duluth, Pilgrim	58,000	1888			15,000	2,000
" W., Plymo'th	3,800	1889				600
" New, Mayfl'r	2,000	1891				
" Morley	5,500	1896			1,450	900
Edgerton	1,700	1890	650		400	500
Elk River, Union	3,500	1881	1,000			900
Ellsworth	1,000	1892	1,000		600	200
Elmdale, Bohemian						
Excelsior	4,000	1871	2,000		400	1,000
Fairmont	8,000	1897	1,500		1,000	800
Fair Oaks	585	1895				
Faribault						
Farris and Cass Lake	100	1898	400			650
Felton						
Fergus Falls	18,000	1888			2,000	1,000
Fertile	1,200	1890				550
Fosston	1,500	1889	900	1,500	300	800
Franconia, Swedish	100					
Fraser						
Freeborn	1,400	1892				250
Freedom	1,000	1887			400	175
Garvin	2,200	1899	600			350
Georgetown						
Gibbon						
Glencoe	6,000	1880	1,200		350	800
Glenwood	1,500	1885	1,900	300	500	800
Glyndon	2,800	1883	300			
Graceville	1,500	1887	1,300			700
Granada	1,100	1894	600		250	
Grand Meadow	1,200	1885	700			400
Granite Falls	4,600	1899				450

TOWN OR CITY	VALUE OF CHURCH	YEAR OF ERECTION	VALUE OF PARSONAGE	INVESTED FUNDS	INDEBTEDNESS	SALARY
Gray Eagle	$ 1,000	1891	$	$	$ 550	$ 170
Groveland						
Hamilton	500	1872				
Ham Lake, Swedish						
Hancock	2 000	1882	600			350
Hartland	1.000	1884			400	50
Hasty		1891				150
Hawley, Union	2.000	1887	1,000		25	650
Hibbing						
Hudson						
Hutchinson	2,600	1884	1,200			800
Kanaranzi						
Kasota, Swedish	1,500	1889				202
Kragness						
Lake Belt						
Lake Benton	2,600	1881	1,800		250	624
Lake City	10,000	1880	5,500			1,000
" " Swedish	2,400	1897	1,200		700	500
Lake Emily						
Lakeland						
Lake Park	1,700	1892	800		125	365
Lake Stay						
Lake View						
Lamberton	1 400	1891	1,250		450	600
Lengly						
Lida Lake, Swedish						
Little Falls	8,500	1893	2,000	1,925		1,200
Long Lake						
Lyle	1,300	1886	1,200		75	500
McIntosh						
McKinley						
McPherson						
Madison	1,000	1886	1,000			400
Manchester						
Mankato	5,000	1872				1,000
" Swedish	3,500	1895			514	274
Mantorville	1,500	1860	2,000		450	900
Mapelbay						
Mapelton	1 600	1883	900			600
Marietta						
Marshall	4,000	1879	2,500	600	200	1,000

TOWN OR CITY	VALUE OF CHURCH	YEAR OF ERECTION	VALUE OF PARSONAGE	INVESTED FUNDS	INDEBTEDNESS	SALARY
Mazeppa	$ 1,200	1869	$ 600	$	$	$ 450
Medford	2,500	1864	700	1,000		600
Mentor	900	1893			100	
Minneapolis, 1st	80,000	1887				
" Plymouth	150,000	1874				3,600
" Park Ave	75,000	1888			6,500	2,500
" Pilgrim	22,000	1884				
" Vine	6,000	1892			1,600	1,000
" Como Ave	1.500	1896				1,200
" Union	1,500		2,500			700
" Open Door	3,000	1883				800
" Lyndale	20,000	1887			5,400	1,300
" Fremont Av						
" Fifth Ave	10,000	1899			1,500	1,200
" Mizpah		1889			28	224
" Bethany	4.000	1890	1,500			900
" Rob'insdale	4,500	1891			300	520
" Lowry Hill						
" 1st Scand'n						
" N'w Brig'tn	1,500	1892			75	
" Oak Park						
" Forest H'ts	6.000	1896			400	1,000
" Temple Sw						
" 38th Street	500	1894				600
Minneiska						
Montevideo	3,000	1885		75		900
Monticello	1,800	1856	1,000		350	700
Moorehead						900
Morris	5,000	1879	1,500			750
Morristown	1,800	1879	800		180	300
Mud Lake						
Nassau						
New Richland	1,500	1883	1,300		400	300
New Ulm	3,000	1881				780
New York Mills						
North Branch	1,400	1885	400		112	500
Northfield	20,000	1881	3,500	600	3,500	1,800
Orrock, Union						37
Ortonville	2,300	1880	1,700		925	850
Owatonna	15,000	1869				1,200
Park Rapids	800	1888				350

TOWN OR CITY	VALUE OF CHURCH	YEAR OF ERECTION	VALUE OF PARSONAGE	INVESTED FUNDS	INDEBTEDNESS	SALARY
Paynesville	$ 2,000	1872	$ 1,000	$	$ 50	$ 500
Pelican Rapids	1,600				24	700
Perham						500
Pillsbury	1,000	1891			500	135
Plainview		1871	1,400			750
Poplar						
Preston Lake						
Princeton	2,500	1856	1,200		575	700
Randall	700	1896				250
Rochester	10,000	1864	3,000		500	1,400
Rose Creek	700	1893	1,000			300
Round Prairie	450	1892				150
Rush City, Swedish						
Sacred Heart						
St. Charles	4,000	1887				1,000
St. Cloud						
" Swedish	3,000	1883	1,000		500	420
St. Paul, Plymouth	40,000	1872			4,750	
" Pacific	7,000	1882	3,000		1,350	1,200
" Atlantic	10,000	1886			463	1,300
" Park	65,000	1893			29,000	3,000
" St. Anthony P'k	8,000	1898			1,500	1,200
" Bethany					m	
" Olivet	2,500	1888				
" South Park	2,600	1887				250
" Peoples	120,000	1889			21,000	3,000
" University Ave	1,700					750
" Peopl's, H'z'l P	1,500					
" Peopl's, Germ'n	4,500	1895			1,100	200
Salem	2,000	1871		2,500		800
Sandstone, Swedish	700	1895				
Sauk Center	3,500	1867	1,800			900
Sauk Rapids	2,000	1891				200
" " Swedish						
Sebeka						
Selma	1,400	1899		950	330	200
Sherburne	3,000	1892	1,200		720	
Shevlin						
Silver Lake, Bohemi'n	1,080	1891	1,075			600
Sleepy Eye	2,000	1872				950
Solway						

TOWN OR CITY	VALUE OF CHURCH	YEAR OF ERECTION	VALUE OF PARSONAGE	INVESTED FUNDS	INDEBTEDNESS	SALARY
South Bend	$		$	$	$	$
Spencer Brook						
Springfield	1,400	1891				250
Spring Valley	2,500		2,500		350	800
Staples	1,300	1890	800		650	720
Star Lake						
Stewart	1,200	1887				204
Stewartville	3,500	1894			450	350
Stillwater	5,000	1884	1,650		700	700
Sunrise						
Swanville	700	1892		650		100
Taopi	1,000	1890				150
Tintah	1,300	1892				240
Tyler	1,400	1883	500		325	150
Ulen, Swedish						
Union Lake	2,300	1899			1,500	175
Upsala, Swedish	2,000	1889	500		11	300
Verndale	1,500	1880	350		500	500
Villard	1,000	1884			1,400	560
Wabasha	6,000	1886	2,000			1,200
Wadena	4,000	1882	1,300		200	800
Walker						
Walnut Grove	1,500	1874	350			
Waseca	7,000	1871	2,000		234	800
Waterville	2 000	1882	1,000			200
Wayzata	1,200		1,200			500
Welch	500	1872				75
West Dora	500	1889	400			
Winona, 1st	50,000	'59-1	6,000		1,400	2,500
" 2nd	4,000	1887				800
" Scandinavi'n	2,500	1897				480
Winthrop	2,000	1889	1,650			700
Wiscoy						
Worthington	4,000	1873				1,100
Zumbro Falls		1891				290
Zumbrota	2,000	1865	2,500			800

Statistics of the Congregational Sunday Schools of Minnesota,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31st, 1899.

☞ *These Statistics are furnished by the State Sunday School Superintendent.*
The columns of Teachers and Officers often include the same number and do not balance in the Total Column.

LOCATION OF SCHOOL	NAME OF SUPERINTENDENT	ENROLLMENT				Per cent At-tend Church	United with Church	Total Benevo-lences	Self-Support
		Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Total	Average				
Ada	C. R. Andrews	7	58	65	54	35	....	$16.03	$38.38
Afton	A. A. Davis	....	....	20	16	8	....	.....	.....
Aitkin	Mrs. Falconer	7	75	83	53	....	....	.....	86.00
" Sutton's Ranch	Nelson Hurd	....	....	25	16	....	....	.....	.....
Akeley	.....	....	....	40	30	....	....	.....	.....
Aldrich	.....	....	....	35	28	....	....	.....	.....
Alexandria	Jas. E. Phillips	21	210	231	143	....	....	.....	.....
" Meltona	.....	....	....	....	35	....	....	.....	.....
" McFarland	.....	....	....	....	45	....	....	.....	.....
" Carlos	A. W. Wheeler	....	....	50	37	....	....	.....	.....
" Lake May	Miss Minnie Jones	....	....	35	20	....	....	.....	.....
" Union Lake	F. C. Mead	....	....	40	30	....	....	.....	.....
Anoka	Mrs. L. S. Gould	14	125	139	88	....	....	.....	.....
Appleton	F. J. Skillman	11	125	136	61	25	2	.....	42.00
" Redfield, Correll P. O.	R. Dexter	....	....	40	33	....	..	.....	.....
Arcola, Stillwater P. O	Miss Campbell	....	....	47	35	....	....	.....	.....
Ash Creek	Frank Everett	7	38	45	13	100	....	.....	.....
Audubon	H. A. Ames	....	..	48	25	....	....	.....	.....
" Mols, S. H.	W. H. Mols	....	....	30	20	....	....	.....	.....
" Ullin P. O	Harry Griffin	....	....	40	30	....	....	.....	.....
Austin	C. D. Decker	33	142	175	150	66	5	25.26	126.70
Bagley	.....	....	....	40	30	....	...	....	165.19
Badoura	.....	....	....	35	29	....	....	.....	.....
" Branch	.....	....	....	20	15	....	....	.....	.....
Barnesville	Sidney F. Packard	11	125	136	97	50	2	7.50	51.23
" Prairie View	Miss Ella Gaffy	....	....	50	40	....	....	.....	.....
" Hughes	Mrs. Chas. Hughes	....	....	50	40	....	....	.....	66.84
Belgrade, Mankato P. O	L. R. Hobart	12	60	72	61	....	....	.....	20.38
" Nyquist	.....	....	....	27	20	....	....	.....	.....
" Kerns P. O	L. B. Steel	14	60	74	50	100	....	10.20	25.49
Beltram, Edna P. O	J. B. Welter	....	....	40	30	....	....	.....	.....
Belview	Rev. G. E. Northrup	....	....	35	25	....	....	.....	.....
Benson	.....	12	120	132	76	....	....	8.95	.....
" DeGraf	Mrs. Fifield	..	....	20	16	....	....	.....	.....
Bertha	.....	....	....	50	38	....	....	.....	.....
" Bowman	.....	....	....	25	18	....	....	.....	.....
" Edson	.....	....	....	30	20	....	....	.....	.....
Bethany, Sherburn, P. O	Sinai Detienie	10	32	42	30	....	....	.....	.....
Big Lake	J. M. Hahen	17	98	115	76	....	....	.....	.....
" Hanson	.....	14	60	74	48	....	....	.....	.....
" Bailey's Station	C. H. Eddy	9	40	49	30	....	....	.....	.....
Biwabik	.....	10	100	110	50	....	....	1.62	37.73
Brainerd, First	F. A. White	16	140	156	115	....	....	15.00	189.30
" Second	A. W. Wilson	10	75	85	50	....	....	.....	.....
Brownton	Alfred Jury	18	56	74	60	..	....	.....	.....
" Sumpter Union	Mr. Crandall	7	25	32	20	....	....	.....	.....
Burtrum	.....	13	60	73	50	....	....	2.10	18.82
Cable, St. Cloud P. O	.....	7	30	37	22	....	....	.....	.....
Campbell	.....	9	60	69	40	....	....	.....	.....
Cannon City, Dean P. O	Caleb G. Pye	7	18	25	23	....	....	.....	.....
Cannon Falls	George T. Valentine	10	100	110	75	....	....	63.45	36.55
Cass Lake	Rhoda K. Clark	6	54	60	20	33	....	.....	8.12
Center City, Swedish	John Bylund	2	20	22	15	....	....	.....	10.00
" " Rock Creek P. O.	E. W. Lund	....	...	30	20	....	....	.....	.....
Ceylon	.....	....	....	30	....	....	....	.....	.....
Claremont	Fred Perry	9	55	64	45	....	....	.....	.....
Clarissa	Mrs. W. D. Glen	....	....	45	35	....	....	.....	.....
Clearwater	E. G. Bursell	7	63	70	40	....	..	.....	25.00

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		Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Total	Average				
Comfrey				49					
Correll	M. E. Richardson		45	50	36				
Cottage Grove	John W. Howard	11	30	41	30				
Crookston	Evelyn L. Hall	13	70	83	55				50.00
" Langdon P. O.	Mrs. T. T. Jones			15	10				
Culdrum				43	36				
Cushing				20	15				
Custer, Tracy P. O		9	51	60	45			6.94	7.90
Dawson	F. C. Grow	12	108	120	60	15		6.62	69.92
" Branch, Maxwell	Mrs. R. R. Ludlow			50	40				
Dexter	George W. King	9	85	94	45				40.00
Detroit	S. M. Hume	12	112	124	65			55.22	
Dodge Centre	J. K. Fancher	10	75	85	50				20.00
Dorset				40	30				
Douglass, Melsville P. O	Charles C. Carver	10	30	40	25				
Duluth, Pilgrim	A. G. Strong	37	233	270	207			35.16	213.60
" Morley	C. A. Gregory	15	100	115	90			3.30	95.17
" Plymouth	Mr. H. Brearley	10	90	100	80			2.29	75.54
" New Duluth P. O	Fred. McGill	6	44	50	31				
Edgerton	Rev. P. H. Fisk	8	102	110	73	40		16.33	68.00
" Chandler				40					
East Redwood				35	30				
Elim		7	28	35	27				
Elk River	W. H. Houlton	15	150	165	100				
" Meadowvale	M. H. Bailey	3	25	28	18				
" Lavonia	Mrs. T. H. Thacher	2	12	14	10				
Ellsworth	F. W. Stanton	9	45	54	25			2.86	15.12
" Bridge S. S				35	25				
" Grand Prairie	Charles A. Barnes			25	30				
Erickson				35	27				
Erskine				60	48				
Excelsior	Jas. D. Wyer	13	125	137	90				
" Branch	Rev. C. L. Mears			25	18				
Fair Oaks, Anoka P. O	Horace Boxwell	9	25	34	25				
" Branch				18	12				
Fairmont	J. E. Robinson	22	271	320	160	25	6	60.00	80.00
" Amber Lake	Mrs. A. Dante			38	30				
Farris	Mary K. Pierce	3	17	20	16				
Fergus Falls	W. L. Winslow	15	136	151	96				
Fertile	F. L. Auston	9	50	59	45	30			31.54
" Twin Valley				25	18				
Fosston	Mrs. M. E. Clough	7	63	70	40				
" Hansville				30	20				
Fox Dist				25	31				
Franconia, Swedish	Gus. Hammerberg	1	23	24	17	10			
Forrest Mills				28					
Freeman, Kimball P. O				30					
Frazer, Fairmont P. O	Mrs. A. F. French	7	25	32	22				
Freeborn	Allen D. Scoville	13	67	80	42				
" Byron	Rev. W. Fiske			35	25				
" Cream P. O	A. T. Gary	10	40	50	36				
Faribault	Dr. Brewer Mattocks	30	302	332	171			80.00	91.00
Garvin	Miss Annie Jones	6	42	48	35	50		5.00	30.00
" Custer	J. R. Hughes			33	25				
Georgetown	Miss Ida Hutchinson	8	27	35	30				
" Middleton	Miss Ida Hutchinson			35	25				
Glyndon	A. A. Mumford	12	90	102	70				
" Felton		7	18	25	20				
" Burdick S. H	Mrs. Pelton	4	13	17	12				
" Stockwood	John H. Reid	8	22	30	20				
" Muskoda	A. A. Mumford			30	20				
Glencoe	C. M. DeLeem	27	155	182	130			4.50	76.25
Glenwood	Dr. Chas. A. Fjelstad	9	90	109	69			3.00	38.99
Graceville	Glen R. Howard	10	78	88	50			11.25	
" Choklo	Mrs. E. Ackerman	7	41	48	34			5.23	
" Ollvet	H. J. Mitchell	7	50	57	30			1.40	9.41
Grand Meadow	Mrs. E. H. Gerling	13	72	165	57	15	1	5.74	40.00
Granada	Mrs. Laura A. Moore	1	15	16	8			3.03	3.15
" Branch	Mrs. Laura A. Moore			20	14			8.00	20.00
Granite Falls	James Earl	6	50	56	35				

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Granite Falls, Branch				15	10				
Granite Rock				35	30				
Goshen, Courtland P. O.		8	23	31	20				
Gray Eagle				40	35				
Groveland, Chowen P. O.	Ida C. Waters	8	52	60	45				
Halstead				40	35				
Hamilton	Charles H. Steffens	12	60	72	48				
Hancock	Mrs. Addie L. Beggs	9	80	89	40			11.22	24.00
Hartland	Mrs. E. Cram	8	40	48	35				
Hasty	E. D. Sheldon	9	43	52	35			2.00	10.27
" McClelland	" "	8	22	30	20				
Hawley	Ed. O. Hale	13	62	75	54				
" Henderson				27	20				
" Silver Lake	Mrs. E. A. Woods			30	20				
Holdings Ford, Elm Dale	Rev. John Sabol			25	16				
Hudson, Villard P. O.	Mrs. L. I. McGrarey	7	30	37	24				
Hutchinson	C. K. Goodnow	16	150	166	105				
Jenson, Ulin P. O.				25					
Kanaranzi	W. Martin	7	40	47	27				
" Garden, Luverne P.O	W. Martin			40	27				
Kasota, Swedish	John Olson	4	35	39	30				22.17
Kimball		5	20	25	16				
Kimberly				35	27				
Kragness	Mrs. E. I. Parker	9	37	46	29				
" Riverside	Miss Minnie Vinton			18	22				
Lake Benton		10	45	55	37				
Lake City	J. T. Wallis	24	168	192	150			54.01	127.96
" Swedish	Rev. E. A. Anderson	8	55	63	40			1.02	29.00
Lake Belt	P. D. Worthley	8	55	63	50			8.20	19.27
Lake Emily, Hancock P. O.	P. B. Councilman			35					
Lake Lida, Scandinavian				25	15				
Lake Park	Elmer Kelley	9	97	106	75	33		2.45	64.19
Lake Stay	E. M. Bugbee	7	18	25				6.00	4.80
" Branch	M. Foulds	7	18	25	14				
" Pleasant Hill	A. F. Chase			30	20				
" Roberts				26	21				
Lake View, Detroit P. O.	Mrs. John West	8	18	26	18				
Lakeland	Mrs. A. A. Davis	7	40	47	30	50			25.00
Lamberton	John Street	9	125	134	63		5		
Lengby				30	20				37.00
Little Falls	Harry Donovan	12	130	142	75	33	4	14.00	60.00
" " Belle Prairie				25	15				
Lockhart				30	20				
Lost River				25	17				
Lyle	F. C. Smith	9	90	129	55	10		4.00	52.00
" Mona, Ia	F. C. Smith		43	50					
McIntosh	C. F. Page	7	40	47	30				
McPherson, St. Clair P. O.	J. W. Smith	7	24	31	18				
Madison	Rev. J. L. Jones	12	80	92	54	33		70.00	10.25
Manchester, Buckeye P. O.	E. W. Hall	8	24	32	20				
Mankato, First	Thomas Hughes	18	186	204	108				
" Swedish	Ed. Noedgren	10	62	72	60				37.00
" Eagle Lake				25	20				
" " " Swedish				25	18				
Mantorville	H. A. Smith	15	105	120	63	50		2.50	49.15
Maple Bay	Miss May Horton	8	20	28	15				
Maple Ridge	Rev. P. Rodberg	7	30	37	26				
Mapleton	R. L. Potter	14	150	164	65	33	6		79.00
Marine				25	20				
Marietta	Mrs. J. B. Smith	6	20	26	15				
" Smith S. H	Mrs. J. B. Smith			25	14				
Marshall	W. S. Little	14	131	145	90	50		13.99	118.10
Mazeppa	Geo. Black	10	96	106	51				
" Bear Valley	Eugene Day			35	25				
" Forrest Mills P. O.	Nels Olson			40	30				
Medford	J. F. McKinley	10	75	85	51	25		9.50	34.33
Mentor	O. D. Tice	7	52	59	20				
Minneapolis, First	H. A. Schriver	42	360	400	264		25	39.35	140.00
" Plymouth	Harington Beard	34	430	464	212			317.73	173.01
" Bethel (")	E. M. Conant	30	300	335	275			41.40	41.40

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Minneapolis, Bethany	A. W. Austin	26	180	206	124	33	....	7.00	125.92
" " (Sta. 5)	Mrs. Harry Lloyd	....	....	94	50	....	....	.....	.....
" Immanuel	E. F. Waite	30	220	250	190	....	....	58.02	51.64
" Park Avenue	C. L. Sawyer	45	500	545	350	....	....	47.63	229.67
" Vine	E. M. Newcomb	25	225	250	202	....	....	21.42	122.40
" Pilgrim	J. H. Jepson	41	569	610	362	35	....	23.46	347.93
" Open Door	A. Cadwell	18	95	113	113	12	10	5.00	41.15
" Union, St. Louis P'k.	L. W. Fuller	13	72	85	60	....	....	.....	42.00
" " Manhattan	.....	....	....	35	25	....	....	.....	.....
" " Grace	.....	....	....	80	50	....	....	.....	.....
" " Edina Mills	Miss Yancy	....	....	45	32	....	....	.....	.....
" Lyndale	B. W. Smith	40	360	420	325	5	9	86.00	275.00
" Fremont Ave	.....	36	318	354	259	....	....	75.00	75.00
" Como Ave	Chas. M. Way	21	180	201	121	....	....	.....	.....
" Fifth Ave	J. M. McBride	25	183	208	165	....	....	48.98	136.83
" New Brighton	F. M. Shearer	10	70	80	60	....	....	13.33	40.00
" " " Elwell	.....	....	....	25	18	....	....	.....	.....
" Forest Heights	P. R. Hamilton	14	240	254	131	75	22	2.50	90.50
" " " Gol. Val	.....	....	....	30	20	....	....	.....	.....
" Mizpah, Hopkins	.....	....	....	60	45	....	....	.....	.....
" Robinsdale P. O	A. B. Robbins	17	145	162	85	....	....	6.01	104.50
" Lowry Hill	E. C. Mills	24	240	264	170	....	....	20.75	208.74
" Oak Park	Chas. Clay	15	185	200	130	....	....	10.25	115.00
" First Scandinavian	Rev. John Rood	8	75	83	55	....	....	3.54	37.92
" Sw'sh Cong'l Temple	.....	....	....	70	55	....	....	.....	.....
" " " " Br	.....	....	....	65	50	....	....	.....	.....
" Thirty-eighth St	J. O. Williams	19	114	133	....	....	....	2.81	100.01
Mission Creek	P. H. Nyberg	5	13	18	12	....	....	.....	.....
Montevideo	Mr. Baker	11	113	124	81	....	....	50.00	50.00
Monticello	Mrs. J. L. Starwick	12	100	112	60	20	....	.....	35.00
" Branch	Mrs. Hobblett	....	....	55	40	....	....	.....	.....
Morris	John J. Pimm	13	175	188	72	25	....	12.92	114.67
" Branch	Oscar Astockson	....	....	50	22	....	....	.....	.....
Morristown	J. P. Temple	12	92	104	75	....	....	.....	.....
Moorhead	C. A. Ballard	12	110	122	65	50	4	15.00	105.00
New Richland	C. S. Yeager	9	35	44	25	....	....	.....	.....
" " Branch	.....	....	....	35	25	....	....	.....	.....
" " Otisco P. O	G. W. Chapman	....	....	45	35	....	....	.....	.....
" " Trenton	.....	....	....	35	27	....	....	.....	.....
New Ulm	G. A. Ottomeyer	12	90	102	65	15	....	14.19	77.35
New York Mills	J. C. Winslow	8	50	58	40	....	....	.....	.....
" " " Bain	A. M. Dutton	....	....	26	20	....	....	.....	.....
" " " Button	.....	....	....	25	18	....	....	.....	.....
" " " Blufton	.....	....	....	27	20	....	....	.....	.....
Nellsville	.....	....	....	29	22	....	....	.....	.....
New Paynesville	D. C. Coleman	17	90	107	56	....	....	15.71	48.00
" " West	.....	....	....	25	17	....	....	.....	.....
North Branch	E. G. Rogers	10	60	70	40	....	....	.....	.....
" S'h. Harris P. O.	O. C. Olson	6	25	31	20	....	....	.....	.....
" Pierce S. H	.....	....	....	25	18	....	....	.....	.....
" Hawkinson	Charles Oberg	....	....	35	25	....	....	.....	.....
Northfield, First	H. C. Wilson	25	350	375	263	....	....	.....	.....
" Greenvale	H. J. Baldwin	7	40	47	24	....	....	.....	.....
" Waterford	.....	11	40	51	31	....	....	.....	.....
" Stone	Stewart	....	....	35	25	....	....	.....	.....
Odessa	.....	....	....	30	23	....	....	.....	.....
Otisco, Swedish	.....	....	....	25	20	....	....	.....	.....
Ortonville	F. Shumaker	15	105	120	78	....	2	8.00	67.00
Orrock	George Craig	10	40	50	31	....	....	3.60	15.01
Owatonna	Dea. L. L. Wheelock	29	186	245	117	....	15	17.28	118.59
" Steel Center	Prof. C. J. Whitman	7	25	32	21	....	....	.....	.....
Parker, Huff P. O	Charles Eastman	9	40	49	35	....	....	.....	.....
Partridge	.....	....	....	26	18	....	....	.....	.....
Park Rapids	Henry Cobb	9	30	39	30	50	....	5.70	32.00
" Sloan	.....	....	....	22	16	....	....	.....	.....
Pelican Rapids	John Lockhart	9	100	109	75	....	....	.....	.....
" Sand Lake	Mrs. Orville Buck	....	....	25	20	....	....	.....	.....
Perham	.....	8	76	84	48	....	....	....	22.18
Perley	.....	....	....	60	45	....	....	.....	.....
Pillsbury	Mr. A. J. Gibson	8	40	48	30	....	....	2.70	17.25

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Pillsbury, Lake Beauty	J. W. Scott	7	42	49	40	....	....	.....	.....
Plainview	F. D. Washburn	15	102	117	68	....	....	7.23	40.00
Popple		....	....	30	22	....	....	.....	.....
Preston Lake P. O	J. A. Washburn	6	20	26	18	....	....	.....	.....
Princeton	O. J. McCarriel	10	75	85	60	10	1	15.00	60.00
Pleasant Grove		....	....	30	25	....	....	.....	.....
Randall	S. F. Vaughn	9	53	62	50	....	....	.....	.....
Rendsville, Morris P. O		7	22	29	21	....	....	.....	.....
Rochester	W. J. Eaton	28	198	251	157	....	....	30.81	83.56
Rolette		....	....	29	20	....	....	.....	.....
Rose Creek	D. McTavish	11	48	53	30	....	....	.....	.....
Rothsay		....	....	30	20	....	....	.....	.....
Round Prairie	S. S. Sargent	6	31	37	28	....	....	7.50	11.50
" " Beadle	J. Debord	....	....	32	20	....	....	.....	.....
" " Hughes	R. Ruggles	....	....	45	30	....	....	.....	.....
Rush City, Swedish	Chas. Westland	5	30	35	30	....	....	.....	.....
" " Branch	Aug. Rolander	2	10	15	10	....	....	.....	.....
Rood, Waverly P. O		....	....	45	40	....	....	.....	.....
St. Charles	Mr. S. P. Dixon	18	130	148	85	33	2	3.00	81.20
" Saratoga	Mrs. Bell Murray	10	40	50	36	....	....	.....	.....
St. Cloud, First	Geo. Clark	12	70	82	54	....	....	.....	.....
" Swedish	Nels Larson	....	....	72	....	....	....	.....	.....
" Clear Lake P. O	J. F. Hendrickson	....	....	28	20	....	....	.....	.....
" Quarries	Nels Larson	....	....	28	22	....	....	.....	.....
" Whites Park	Nels Larson	....	....	12	8	....	....	.....	.....
St. Hilaire		....	....	30	20	....	....	.....	.....
St. Paul, Plymouth	Dr. B. H. Ogden	27	203	230	75	....	....	5.00	131.74
" " Cyril	Miss Nellie Hanson	9	80	89	58	....	....	3.68	63.42
" Pacific	Miss Frances E. Nicol	30	233	263	166	....	....	7.76	277.90
" " Brainerd Ave	W. R. Nicol	....	....	74	45	....	....	.....	.....
" Atlantic	C. B. Nelnaber	12	85	97	85	....	....	.....	.....
" Bethany	Chas. Crissey	15	130	145	101	....	15	.....	67.00
" Peoples, German	Aug. Luedman	15	125	140	75	16	10	18.39	58.80
" Olivet, Merriam P'k	F. J. Snell	18	115	133	91	10	....	55.41	72.42
" " Tatum	H. W. Snell	11	115	126	77	....	....	.....	44.68
" St. Anthony	Mr. E. C. Hall	17	129	146	95	25	14	50.33	94.13
" Park	C. J. Hunt	28	216	244	173	30	6	178.43	290.00
" Forrest Street		....	....	190	160	....	....	.....	.....
" South Park	Mr. C. W. Clark	11	100	115	68	....	....	7.79	65.11
" Peoples		27	502	529	204	....	....	....	15.00
" " Gladstone	Miss Edith Hart	7	60	67	45	....	....	.....	.....
" University Avenue	F. J. Pike	....	....	125	100	....	....	.....	.....
" Hazel Park	E. L. Tryant	7	30	37	30	....	....	....	.....
Sandstone, Swedish		7	45	52	40	....	....	.....	.....
" Sturgeon Lake P. O.	Amy Bylin	....	....	25	18	....	....	.....	.....
Sacred Heart		....	....	55	45	....	....	.....	.....
Sauk Center	Jas. A. Morris	15	150	165	80	....	....	8.70	35.00
Sauk Rapids	J. P. Carpenter	10	45	55	38	25%	....	6.50	16.00
" Swedish	Nels Larson	20	155	175	105	....	....	2.00	70.27
" S'h Bridgman P. O.	Nels Larson	....	....	41	33	....	....	.....	....
" Watab		....	....	22	16	....	....	.....	.....
Scandia P. O	P. Sellerstrom	....	....	15	12	....	....	.....	.....
Sebeka		....	....	20	17	....	....	.....	.....
Selma, Union	David Kennedy	4	63	67	49	....	....	5.00	22.00
Sherburne	Dr. W. H. Gaugh	10	70	80	65	....	....	7.00	44.00
" Bethlehem P. O.	Miss Barbara Cizek	....	....	25	18	....	....	.....	.....
Shevlin		....	....	25	18	....	....	.....	.....
Sleepy Eye	E. B. Shoemaker	18	145	163	110	....	....	.....	.....
" Long Tree		....	....	35	22	....	....	.....	.....
Silver Lake, Bohemian	Mr. S. Ierabek	7	102	109	66	75	1	96.87	22.89
Sleepy, Golden Gate		....	....	40	30	....	....	.....	.....
Solway		....	....	25	....	....	....	.....	.....
South Stillwater	Louis H. Johnston	....	....	60	....	....	....	.....	.....
Snake River, Swedish	Rev. A. G. Nelson	5	20	25	16	....	....	.....	.....
Spencerbrook, Swedish	A. P. Greystrain	3	25	28	10	....	....	4.00	4.00
" Athens P. O	A. Nasins	....	....	25	18	....	....	.....	.....
Springfield	A. Van Valkenburg	6	54	60	50	....	....	6.00	23.00
" Sanborn P. O.		7	40	47	37	....	....	.....	.....
Spring Valley	Mr. Everett Jones	24	160	186	110	....	....	18.90	93.33
" " Branch,		....	....	30	20	....	....	.....	.....

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Staples	Mrs. MacMillan	9	66	75	54	....	....	1.04	15.00
" Bungo P. O	Mrs. G. E. Lively	....	....	30	15	....	....	.....	.....
" Ellis P. O	Mr. Shakel	....	....	30	19	....	....	....	.....
" Lincoln P. O		....	....	36	27	....	....	.....	..
" Pine River P. O	Miss Edna Slack	....	....	30	20	....	....	.....	.....
Sterling	Geo. Conrad	....	....	30	20	....	....	.....	.....
Stewart	Frank Sugden	9	53	62	43	20	2	.....	16.80
Stewartville	Rev. C. M. Stevens	10	92	102	72	....	3	.....	30.00
Stickney		....	....	25	18	....	....	.....	.....
Stillwater	Rev. H. H. Appelman	20	175	195	150	....	....	86.98	89.71
Swanville	E. M. McIntrye	6	45	51	30	....	....	.....	.....
Sunrise, Union		....	....	45	35	....	....	.....	.....
Storden		....	....	25	....	....	....	.....	.....
Taopi	Frank Davis	7	21	28	22	....	....	.....	15.00
Tintah	Mrs. W. B. Prescott	7	30	37	25	....	....	.....	.....
Tyler	G. L. Larsen	7	26	33	24	....	....	.....	.....
Thompson, Lake Wilson		....	....	30	....	....	....	.....	.....
Trenton		....	....	35	.	....	....	.....	.....
Ulin		....	....	35	....	....	....	.....	.....
" Branch		....	....	25	....	....	....	.....	.....
Underwood		....	....	30	30	....	....	.....	.....
Upsala, Swedish	L. M. Larson	9	108	117	86	....	....	.....	49.75
" Palm, Swedish		....	....	25	15	....	....	.....	.....
" Sw'h, Flensburg P. O.	Miss Tillie Jackson	....	....	34	22	....	....	.....	.....
Verndale	O. L. Solstad	5	12	17	21	....	....	.....	25.00
" Thomaston P. O		....	....	25	20	....	....	.....	.....
Villard		11	54	65	35	....	....	.....	.....
Wabasha	Judge Kennedy	15	168	183	96	33	2	25.50	58.47
Wadena	Eugene Ross	11	112	123	71	25	....	23.00	64.00
" Beautiful Valley		....	....	40	30	....	....	.....	.....
" Lake Sybil, Luca P. O.	Miss Myrtle Simons	....	....	34	25	....	....	.....	.....
Walker	Rev. F. A. Brown	4	50	54	30	....	....	3.50	21.36
Walnut Grove	H. J. Jager	8	63	71	31	....	....	.....	4.00
Waseca	Mrs. G. A. Wilson	19	146	165	100	25	1	4.51	111.63
Waterville	H. P. Blair	9	70	79	52	....	....	.....	32.95
Wayzata	G. Webb	4	48	52	30	....	....	.....	.....
Weathwood	Mrs. G. H. Ball	5	12	17	12	....	....	.....	.....
Westbrook, Swedish	Ida Beckman	5	17	22	15	....	....	.....	.....
West Dora, Lida P. O	Alvin Gray	9	56	65	45	....	....	2.30	13.80
" Luce P. O	W. S. Parks	7	30	37	15	....	....	.....	4.99
" Star Lake	C. S. Slater	5	18	23	15	....	...	.....	.....
White Rock, St. Cloud		....	....	25	....	....	....	.....	.....
Winona, Second	Mrs. W. Trussell	15	105	120	94	20	....	2.50	46.36
" First	A. W. Laird	33	199	232	166	30	1	50.00	116.85
" Lakeside Br., First	F. A. A. Robertson	....	....	150	106	....	....	.....	.....
" Scandinavian	O. C. Lacken	8	54	64	50	20	....	11.57	44.77
Winthrop	D. E. Wagner	9	75	84	65	....	....	.....	.....
" Arlington P. O		10	52	62	45	....	....	.....	.....
" Gaylord P. O	A. L. Ingalls	11	72	83	60	....	....	.....	.....
" Gibbon P. O	Wm. Schoenfelder	13	50	63	50	....	....	.....	.....
" Hepburg	Ambrose Gaylord	....	....	30	20	....	....	7.00	40.50
Wyonette, Swedish	August Johnson	6	30	36	25	....	....	.....	.....
Wiscoy		10	26	36	25	....	....	.....	.....
Wolverton		....	....	32	20	....	....	.....	.....
Worthington	Mrs. J. H. Ludlow	19	108	127	127	....	....	.....	.....
" Branch	F. N. Cone	....	....	30	20	....	....	.....	.....
Zumbrota	Lewis Scofield	24	130	154	111	....	....	37.10	105.51
Zumbro Falls	Phoebe A. Daley	8	45	53	35	....	....	.....	.....

MINISTERIAL RECORD.

NOTE.—Names starred (*) indicate that they are Congregational Ministers but do not hold membership in Minnesota.

If any name has been omitted that should appear here report the same to the State Secretary, Rev. S. W. Dickinson, St. Paul.

Ahnstrom, Jonas M.	Minneapolis.
Albert, John H.	Faribault.
Anderson, Emil A.	Lake City.
Appelman, Hiram H.	Stillwater.
Barnes, Albert E.	Clearwater.
Bartel, Harvey B.	Brainerd.
Bassett, Franklin H.	Park Rapids.
Bentley, Frank D.	Sanborn, N. D.
Betts, Eben M.	Minneapolis.
Bird, Martin B.	Brainerd.
Biscoe, George S.	Cottage Grove.
*Bjorklund, Ernest V.	Mankato.
Bjuge, Carl B.	Minneapolis.
Blackwell, William	Sleepy Eye.
Bolin, Nels J.	Upsala.
Black, George D.	Ohio.
*Bosard, Wesley R.	Dodge Center.
Bown, Frank A.	Walker.
Breed, Reuben L.	Wabasha.
Brooks, Edward L.	Detroit City.
Brown, Frank J.	West Salem, Wis.
Brown, Richard	Minneapolis.
Brown, William J.	Glenwood.
Burton, Charles E.	Minneapolis.
Carter, Elijah	Edgerton.
Carter, Fernando E.	Mason City, Ia.
Chaney, Lucian W.	Dundas.
Chandler, Joseph H.	Fond du Lac, Wis.
Chase, Ezra B.	Lake City.
Chase, Henry L.	Minneapolis.
Chevis, Ernest C.	Medford.
*Clark, Allen	Cass Lake.
Colwell, Henry J.	Minneapolis.
Conard, William J.	Park Rapids.
Cram, Delbert W.	Lyle.
Crane, Edward P.	Pelican Rapids.
Donford, James W.	Brownton.
Davis, Daniel D.	St. Louis Park.
Day, Ernest E.	Minneapolis.
Derome, Jules A.	Mapleton.
Dibble, William L.	McPherson, Kans.
Dickerman, Josiah P.	Worthington.
Dickinson, Samuel W.	St. Paul.
Donovan, David	Princeton.
Drew, James B.	West Mansville, Mass.
Duncan, Calvin W.	Dexter.
Eakin, John A.	Waseca.
Earl, James	Granite Falls.
Edmands, T. Merrill	Mankato.
Emerson, Frederick C.	Glen Ulin, North Dakota.

Fellows, Charles B.....Minneapolis.
Ferguson, Frank P.....Alexandria.
Fish, Samuel E.....Hawley.
Fisher, Herman P.....Crookston.
Fisher, Samuel V. S.....Minneapolis.
Fisk, Pliny H.....Edgerton.
Fisk, Wilbur .....Freeborn.
Frost, Lewis C.....Davison, Mich.
Fuller, Americus .....Aintab, Turkey.

Gallagher, George W.....Brainerd.
*Gerrie, William A.....St. Paul.
Gill, William .....River Falls, Wis.
Gleason, Herbert W. .....Boston, Mass.
*Gould, J. Sidney .....Owatonna.
Gray, William J.....St. Paul.
Griffith, William E.....Sauk Rapids.

Hadden, Robert A.....Minneapolis.
Hall, Richard .....St. Paul.
Hallock, Leavitt H., D. D. .....Minneapolis.
Harlow, Reuben W.....Park Rapids.
Harris, Charles E., Jr. .....Norton, Mass.
*Harrison, Hiram E.....Fairmont.
Harwood, Clement M. G.....Blue Hill, Me.
*Heatwole, Arthur H..... .....Springfield.
Hendley, Harry B.....Silverton, Mont.
Herrick, Robert P.....Minneapolis.
Hindley, George .....Elk River.
Holmes, Henry .....Minneapolis.
Hulbert, Jay M. .....Minneapolis.
Hountington, Prof. George.....Northfield.
Huntington, John C.....Minneapolis.

Ingham, J. Edward .....Sherburne.
Iorns, Benjamin .....Fertile.

Jenkins, J. Alexander .....Burton, O.
Jenkins, William M.....Big Lake.
Johnson, Harry W.....New Ulm.
*Johnson, P. Adelstein .....Montevideo.
Jones, John L.....Madison.
Jones, Robert G.....Stewartville.
Josephson, Hans F.....Winona.

Kimball, Jeremiah .....Duluth.
Klose, William H.....Lake Benton.
Krause, Frank O.....Appleton.

Lewis, T. Henry .....Barnesville.
Lewis, William W.....St. Paul.
Locke, J. Frank .....Long Prairie.
Lodwick, William .....Berea, Ky.
Loring, Levi .....Lake Park.
*Lynd, S. Edward .....Zumbrota.
Lyon, Eli C.....Springfield.

Magnus, Daniel H.....Northfield.
Martin, John L.....Wimbleton, N. D.
Mather, J. Bruce .....Minneapolis.
McConnell, James E.....Northfield.
McGregor, Alexander .....St. Paul.
Mears, Charles L.....Excelsior.
Medlar, William H.....Alexandria.
Merrill, Charles W .....Claremont, Ca.
Meske, Fred L.....Ortonville.
Michael, George .....Halstad.
Milne, Alexander .....Duluth.
Minnis, Thomas W.....Grand Meadow.
Moody, Calvin W .....Minneapolis.
Moore, Frank L.....Edgerton, Wis.
Morgan, David W.....Mason, N. H.
Morley, John H.....Minneapolis.
Morrison, George M.....Marshall.

Morton, George F.....————
*Moxie, Charles H.....Paynesville.
Mullenix, Hannah M.....————

Newell, William W.....St. Louis.
Nott, Jairus L.....Mazeppa.

Oakey, James.....Robbinsdale.
Oehler, Frederick H.....Wadena.
Oehler, William .....St. Paul.
Okerstein, William .....Minneapolis.

Palmer, Alice Ruth .....Wayzata.
Parsons, Henry W.....St. Paul.
Pearson, Alfred H .....Northfield.
Pike, Alphens J .....Sauk Centre.
Pressey, Edwin S.....St. Anthony Park.
Princell, John G.....Franconia.

Ramsey, William G.....St. Charles.
Reitinger, Philip .....Silver Lake.
Richardson, Frank H.....Hutchinson.
Risser, Henry A.....Merriam Park.
Roe, Alva D.....Minneapolis.
Rogers, Enoch E.....Lamberton.
Rogers, Samuel J.....Minneapolis.
Ruddock, Charles A.....Morristown.
Ruddock, Edward N.....Randall.
*Ryberg, Charles E.....Cannon Falls.

Sahlstrom, Lars A.....Pelican Rapids.
Sammis, John H.....Merriam Park.
Sandford, John I.....Anoka.
Searles, George R.....Hancock.
Shultz, Jacob K .....Campbell.
Shurtleff, Ernest W.....Minneapolis.
Smith, Esther .....Duluth.
Smith, G. Ernest .....Sauk Centre.
Smith, James E.....Minneapolis.
Smith, John H. B.....Duluth.
Smith, Nathaniel .....Lake City.
Smith, Samuel G .....St. Paul.
Smith, Zwingle H.....Racine, Wis.
Soper, George E.....Danbury, Ct.
Starr, Otis A.....Montevideo.
Stevens, Moody A.....Minneapolis.
Stiles, Hurbert W.....Ada.
Strong, Pres. James W., D. D.....Northfield.
Stutson, Henry H.....Baraboo, Wis.
Sumner, Frederick A.....Little Falls.
*Swift, Clarence F.....Minneapolis.
Swain, Carl J.....Monticello.

Taintor, Jesse F.....Rochester.
Tabbets, Arthur H.....Dawson.
Todd, John W.....Fergus Falls.
Tracy, Isaac B.....————, Wis.
Trchka, Charles J.....St. Paul.
Trussell, William F.....Winona.
Turner, Tell A.....Chilocothe, O.

Updyke, Stephen G.....Minneapolis.

Walker, Cornelias E.....Spring Valley.
Wallar, William C. A.....Mantorville.
Warren, Albert .....Lake Benton.
Warren, Willis A.....Spring Valley.
Washburn, Francis M.....Tetheride, Cal.
Watt, James .....Chicago.
*Watt, Richard .....Graceville.
Webber, Edwin E.....Centerville, S. D.
West, Lester L.....Winona.
Wheeler, Edward F.....Austin.

Wheelwright, John B	Minneapolis.
*Wilkinson, William A	North Branch.
Williams, Mark W	———, N. D.
Wilcox, Charles E	Biwabik.
Whitcomb, William A	Spring Valley, Wis.
Wilson, Sherman B	Faribault.
Wrigley, Francis	Paoma, Cal.
Wright, Cassius E., D. D.	Washington, D. C.
Yarrow, Philip W	Fosston.

LICENTIATES.

Auslinger, John W	Ash Creek.
Cox, Edward H	Northfield.
Cram, Elmer E	Burtrum.
Hunt, George H	Staples.
Peterson, Karl E	East St. Cloud.
Samuels, Benjamin	Villard.
Upton, Rufus P	Belgrade.
Wickwire, George A	Atkin.
Worth, Edwin A	Staples.

OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

Heath, S	Benson.
Jones, J. Russell	Taopi.
Ogg, William D	Chokio.
Oxley, Charles G	Granada.
Smythe, Charles M	Verndale.

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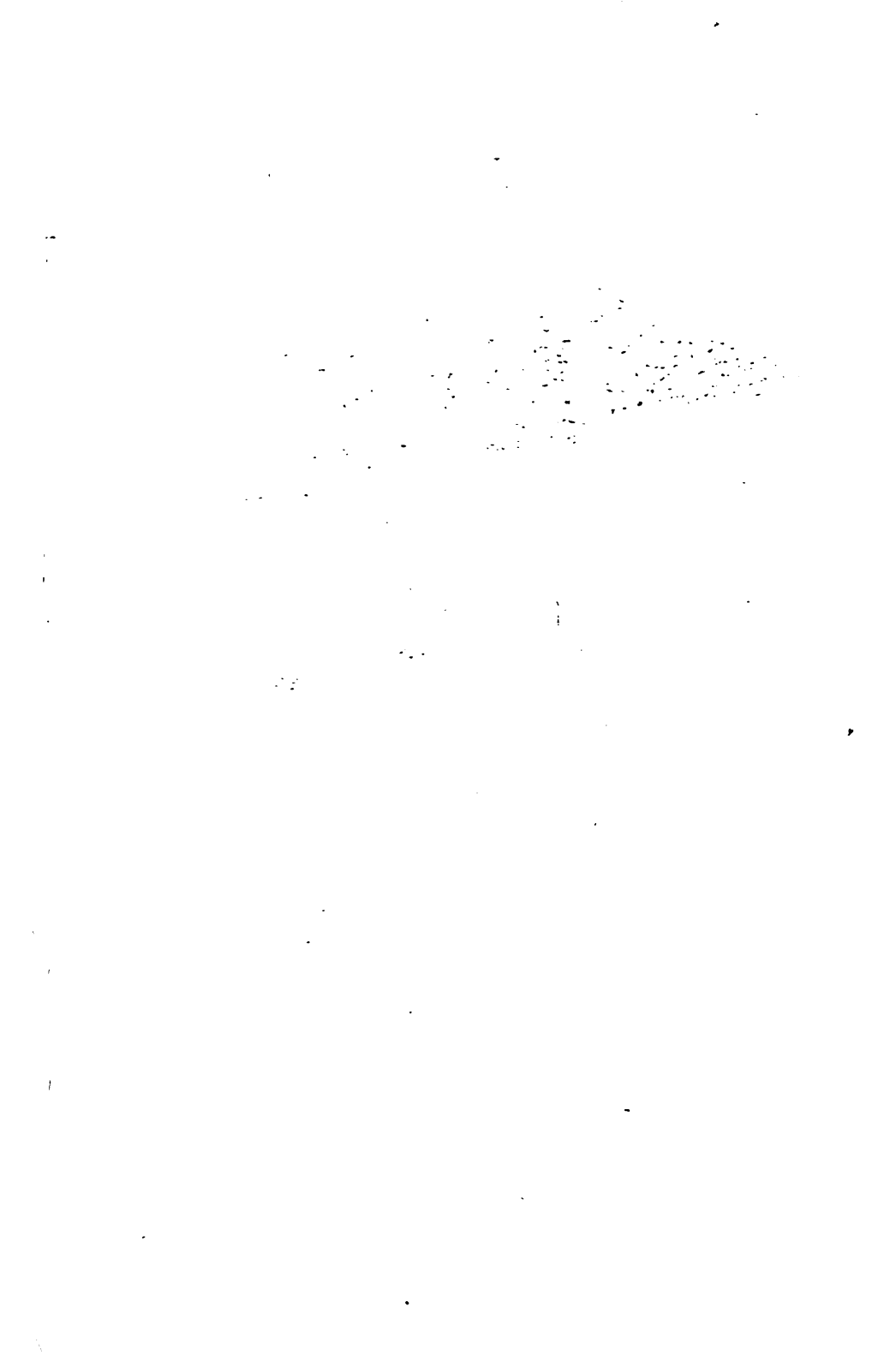

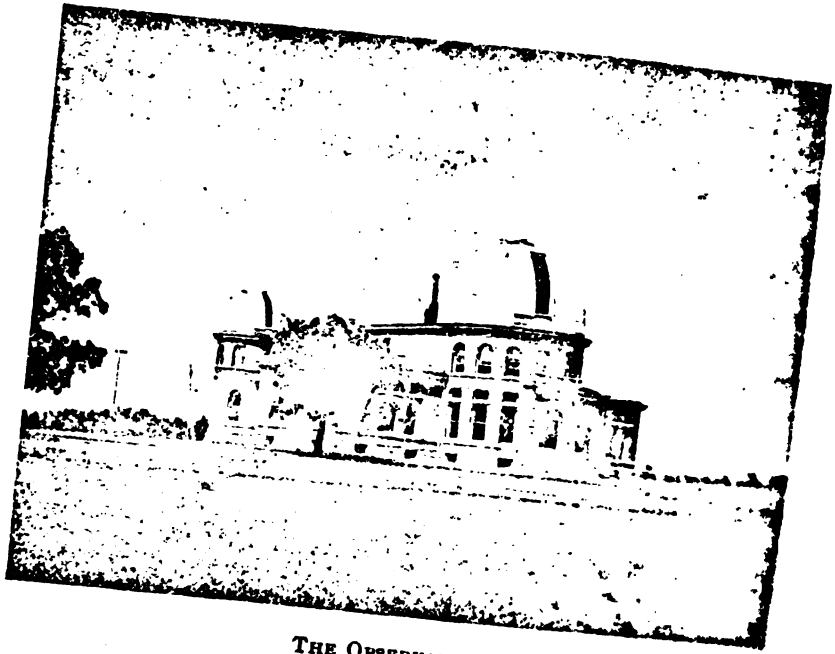

THE OBSERVATORY.

MINUTES OF THE

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

GENERAL

CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION

OF MINNESOTA.

HELD AT NORTHFIELD,
SEPTEMBER 18, 1900.

MINNEAPOLIS:
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NOTICE.

BY VOTE of the Association these minutes are issued to the churches at once. The usual statistical matter will appear pastors and church clerks through the Year Book. Under this plan several other changes were necessary in the make-up of the minutes. As no new statistics has been received from the churches since the last minutes were issued, and it hardly seems necessary to reprint them, we have given a list of the churches by conferences, with the ministerial members of each conference. The Sunday school matter is also omitted. We omit also minutes of Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies. We have no means either of giving an up-to-date alphabetical list of ministers serving the churches. We refer to the roll of the Association as the best information possible before reported changes in January next. We are glad to give unusual space to Carleton College, with abstract of addresses. We are sure friends of the college in and out of the state will be glad to see the faces of those who have made the college what it is. With President Strong appears the portraits of Dean Horace Goodhue, the first on the ground of the present corps of teachers, and Prof. Payne of the astronomical department, whose accurate work in his line has given Carleton distinction. We have previously published portraits of Prof. Huntington and Miss Evans. With these appropriately appears the portrait of Rev. James E. McConnell, for ten years the honored pastor of the church which is intimately related to the spiritual life of the college.

SECRETARY.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

MODERATOR:
REV. L. L. WEST, Winona.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR:
FRANK H. CARLETON, Minneapolis.

SCRIBE:
REV. R. L. BREED, Wabasha.

ASSISTANT SCRIBE:
REV. F. L. MESKE, Ortonville.

SECRETARY:
REV. S. W. DICKINSON, St. Paul.

NOTICES FOR 1901.

The next annual meeting of the Association will be held with the First Church, of Minneapolis, September 17, 1901.

The sermon will be preached by Rev. W. H. Medlar, of Alexandria.

The Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements is Rev. E. W. Shurtleff, Minneapolis.

It is proposed to amend Art. 7, Sec. 1, of the Constitution, to read "The annual meeting of this Association shall begin on the *fourth* Tuesday" etc.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE.—Rev. L. H. Hallock, Rev. F. A. Sumner, F. C. Sawyer.

FINANCE AND PRINTING.—J. M. McBride, Rev. J. H. Sammis, W. J. Dyer.

WISDOM INSTITUTE.—Rev. C. F. Swift, Rev. Geo. R. Merrill.

PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL MATTER.—Rev. S. V. S. Fisher, President [illegible] W. Strong, Rev. Geo. R. Merrill, Warren Upham, Rev. J. P. Taintor, [illegible] Wachtel Hall

MINISTERIAL RELIEF.—D. P. Jones, Rev. R. P. Herrick.

EXAMINER TO CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—Rev. R. L. Breed.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.—Rev. T. M. Edmands, Rev. G. E. Smith, Rev. F. L. Meske, Rev. F. H. Oehler, Rev. J. H. B. Smith, Rev. W. H. Bosard, Rev. E. B. Chase, Rev. W. J. Gray, Rev. R. S. Cross.

TO VISIT CARLETON COLLEGE.—D. P. Jones, Rev. E. W. Shurtliff, Rev. W. M. Jenkins, Rev. F. A. Bown, Rev. H. B. Harrison, Rev. J. O. Krause, Rev. J. S. Rood, Rev. J. S. Todd, Rev. William Blackwell, Rev. W. J. Trussell.

FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR WINDOM INSTITUTE.—J. M. Norris, Rev. R. P. Herrick, W. N. Carroll, Rev. C. B. Moody.

TEMPERANCE.—Rev. R. H. Battey, Dea. D. C. Bell, Rev. J. A. Eakin, Rev. J. H. B. Smith, Rev. W. J. Gray, Hon. L. E. Jepson.

PRESIDENT JAMES W. STRONG.

MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The 45th Annual Meeting of the General Congregational Association convened in the Congregational Church at Northfield, Tuesday evening, September 18th, 1900.

The Association was led in prayer by the Rev. E. F. Wheeler, of Austin. Rev. E. Sidney Gould read the Scripture. Mayor M. W. Skinner, of the city, welcomed the Association to the homes of Northfield, and response was made by the moderator, Rev. L. L. West. Rev. J. F. Taintor, of Rochester, delivered the annual sermon on "Materials for Prophecy," from the text "The Testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy," Rev. 19:10.

The moderator appointed Rev. W. H. Medlar, Rev. J. W. Todd and Rev. C. L. Mears to serve as nominating committee. After the benediction a reception was tendered the members of the Association at Gridley Hall, by the faculty and friends of Carleton College.

Wednesday Morning.

The Association was called to order at 8:45 by the moderator, Rev. L. L. West. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. E. Ingham, of Sherburne. Rev. R. L. Breed, of Wabasha, was elected scribe, and Rev. F. L. Meake, of Ortonville, assistant. The roll of the Association was made out. [See close of the minutes.]

The Business Committee reported the printed program, subject to necessary changes. The annual report of the secretary, Rev. S. W. Dickinson, was read and referred to the Committee on Printing.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

The annual statistics of the churches issued early in the year showed a total of 233 churches on the roll, an increase of 11 during the year, with a membership of 18,280 and a gain of 469. The benevolent contributions of 166 churches reporting were $37,044, an increase of $3,561. Home expenditures, 149 churches reporting, $229,007, an increase of $55,830.

The items of particular interest were in the fifth year statistics, 104 churches reported houses of worship with a total valuation of $1,067,220, 78 churches reported parsonages valued at $106,825, 11 churches have invested funds amounting to $12,700, 74 churches reported debts amounting to $133,475, 154 churches out of 233—equal to about two-thirds—reported total salaries of $96,295, an average per minister of $625.29. If we take out 21 pastors who received over $1,000, the average salary in Minnesota is not far from $447.33.

We were glad to honor our pages with portraits of Prof. Huntington, of Carleton college; Rev. Wilbur Fisk, of Freeborn; Rev. J. F. Ttaintor, of Rochester, and Hon. Lyndon A. Smith, of Montevideo.

The following new churches have been added: Solway, 8 members; Center Chain, 23 members; Twin Valley, 6 members; Ulen, 5 members; Seaforth, 7 members, making the roll of churches in the Association 238.

In closing this report a word should be said concerning the death of Rev. Henry A. Hazen, secretary of the National Council, which occurred August last, to whom we owe the year book and present completeness of statistics of our churches. During the 11 years of our connection with the office of state secretary we have had the pleasantest association with Sec. Hazen and delight to bear personal testimony to his qualities as a man and express our appreciation of the services rendered in his capacity as an officer and a representative of the denomination.

The secretary presented several communications which were referred to proper committees. The committee on finance reported. The report was referred back to the committee with instructions to present an alternative report, which should omit the usual statistics with a reduction in expense in conformity with the most rigid economy. Mr. W. W. Howard was chosen to fill vacancy in the committee. Later the committee reported the printing of the minutes in usual form, the alternative report was, however, adopted, which was to the effect that all statistical matter of the churches and Sunday schools be omitted, that the minutes be printed at once and the expenses of the year were based on the following estimates and conference assessments:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your committee on finance report as per instructions as follows:

Printing minutes without statistics	$117.00
Mailing same	25.00
Business committee	40.00
Secretarial expense	15.00
Salary of secretary and treasurer	100.00
National council	310.00
Total	$607.00

To meet the above reduced expenses we recommend an assessment of 4 cents per member, apportioned as follows:

Anoka conference	$319.56
Central conference	62.32
Duluth conference	29.80
Mankato conference	54.32
Minnesota Valley conference	26.32
Northern Pacific conference	44.40
Owatonna conference	97.64
Western conference	29.96
Winona conference	61.00
Total	$725.32

Secretary Dickinson read the annual survey of the religious condition of the churches.

RELIGIOUS CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES.

By the Secretary, Rev. S. W. Dickinson.

It has come to be the custom of this Association every tenth year to hold its annual meeting in Northfield. As Israel came to Elim where were twelve wells of water and seventy palm trees so we come to regard these palms of grace and fountains of refreshing. It is perhaps our one rallying point. The Association delights to give the moral force of the churches to Carleton College.

Ten years ago, when last we met here, we had 174 churches with 12,470 members, and church property valued at $977,226, and 41 parsonages valued at $54,100. Today we have 238 churches with 18,280 members, a church property valued at $1,068,000 and 78 parsonages worth $106,825. Carleton's growth has been a matter of equal pride and rejoicing, so that as an Association and college we rejoice together. As a denomination we have spread to the west and north and now fairly cover the state.

This paper is based on the condition of the churches as reported at the spring conferences. It appears from the items and tone of these reports that the past year has been an average one in spiritual and material things. Pastors have been faithful in preaching the word, the Holy Spirit has accompanied the word with power. Many churches are yoked together, having an alternate service, some only an infrequent one, a few no preaching service at all. There has been the usual coming and going of pastors. But the divine blessing has been upon our Zion in a degree for which today we render devout thanks to God.

Congregationalism is one of the recognized spiritual forces in the religious development of Minnesota. It has the missionary spirit, seeking and opening new fields; it reaches the masses in the cities; it maintains a gospel

attitude toward social problems, our policy attracts as, perhaps, no other those who have grown out of sympathy with the mother church and are seeking the larger liberty of our faith and worship. Twenty of our churches are Scandinavian, German or Bohemian. The second generation of our foreign population must have English services, they are coming into our Y. P. S. C. E. societies, our Sunday schools and into our churches. Minnesota has been under four flags, the evolution is suggestive.

The opportunity for aggressive, successful Christian work was never greater in Minnesota than today. We summarize the items of interest as given as under the following points:

What our churches are doing for young people and the children. We have 132 Y. P. S. C. E. societies with a membership of 6,370 members. The almost unanimous testimony is that these societies are a loyal, spiritual power in the church. They take charge in some instances of the mid-week prayer meeting and the Sunday evening service. They are training up a body of Christian workers that will be ready for great things by and by. We report only the best things for the condition of the Sunday school, with its 30,452 enrollment. But many pastors report special attention given to Christian training in catecetical classes, where instruction in Christian doctrine and the development of Christian experience is given preparatory to church membership. The reports show a large accession to particular churches through such means. We are glad to note, also, a goodly number of churches observed "Decision Day" with most happy results. The attention of our churches is being called more and more to the fact that there is in Congregationalism a place for a positive system of direct training for church membership to be attained at a suitable age that shall correspond to what our ritualistic friends call confirmation. "With all her follies and crimson stains Rome goes on her way because she knows the value of a child."

What our churches are doing for benevolence. To look at the unpleasant side first, 110 churches, according to the statistics, did not contribute to foreign missions, 93 did nothing for home missions, only 44 contributed to the six causes. Specialization on the subject will be left to the committee on beneficence. While our members are not giving as they ought and are able, we are glad that many churches report the adoption of more approved methods and some of actual increase, a few double. Mankato conference makes a noticeable gain in benevolence. Owatonna reports the same. The same is true of Anoka, and one or two others. As our churches pass into the secondary stage, out of the years of laying foundations and paying debts, the average church will be able to bear its part in the larger work. The great spiritual forces at work under Congregational auspices are home and foreign missions, education, the Sunday school, church extension and dissemination of the word of God. These claims are upon every church and every member in the church. Instead of $2.37, or, including home expenses, $14.47 per resident church member, as now, though some do not give this and some give more, we should give what at least would be the proportion the N. T. adds to the tithe of the Hebrew giver.

Spiritual quickening and life. This is, perhaps, the most difficult thing to put into sentences or figures, what has been the real spiritual gain? There may be such without increase in numbers and with a decrease in numbers. It appears that pastors are making the evening service more evangelistic, not as many special meetings under evangelists are reported from some conferences, but pastors have been their own evangelists with success, and neighboring pastors have been called in to assist. Thirteen churches speak of special meetings some time during the year. The evidence seems to be that the most successful work has been with young people; not quite such a proportion of adults.

Special mention is made of several lively prayer meetings and audiences that crowd and overflow present accommodations, all of which is cause for rejoicing. We believe the religious life of the churches is increasing in enthusiasm and power.

Management and care of material affairs. Winona conference says: "Material prosperity seems to be the condition of all, the tone of the churches more hopeful than for years." Minnesota Valley Anoka conference has the same report. Thirty-three report repairs on church buildings and parsonages, 15 report new churches completed or will be completed shortly, 4 parsonages have been built, 12 churches have paid off burdensome debts. With these four phases of the work we ought to mention another: The superb fellowship that exists among our churches. We are not divided by peculiar views of doctrine, nor undue rivalry, nor jealousy. Congregationalism moves with a unit of life. This fellowship finds expression in frequent councils in the selection of pastors, in gatherings for the purpose of strengthening the sister church in framing the programs of spring conferences, in the attitude of our churches toward great movements of public welfare and in our cordial co-operation with other denominations in all ways that pertain to the advance of the kingdom of our common Master and Lord.

"Like a mighty army moves the Church of God."

A half hour of prayer followed.

Rev. L. H. Hallock being called away, a communication was read from him on the value of the work of Windom Institute. Remarks were made by Rev. C. B. Moody and Rev. R. P. Herrick. The committee on Carleton College reported through the chairman, Rev. R. L. Breed, as follows:

CARLETON COLLEGE.

These are days of testing on the part of the smaller colleges. The lengthening of the professional courses—and the increasing desire prevalent in the minds of the young people—"to be at work"—to get out into the world and take up its tasks. It believes most profoundly in the smaller college—and in the broad, "liberal arts" education for which it stands. We believe in the smaller classes—in the atmosphere of the small college in a

small town, if you please—and in the stimulating personal contact which the professors may have and do have with the students.

We also, even in this century when the sciences are demanding the whole road, believe in the old B. A. course and its instruction in Greek and Greek culture. In a day when much of our theology is accused of being Greek instead of Latin, in an age so rapidly materialistic, we do not want to relegate Plato or Sophocles to the dusty shelf. We plead with those who have the formulation of the courses leading to the B. A. degree—either at Carleton or elsewhere—do not grant the B. A. degree to persons who have not pursued studies in both Latin and Greek. Grant the B. S.—or manufacture a new degree to fit the occasion—but save the B. A. degree for those, be they few or many, who have entered into the life and spirit of the ancient Greeks and Romans through the original sources. If, in response to the trend of the times, Greek must be eliminated as a frill—or, more theologically, a "non-essential"—we would recommend that the B. A. degree be also dropped.

We would also heartily commend the department of music and its most successful management.

The departments of mathematics and chemistry, as ably conducted as in any institution in the land—the study of the English Bible and philosophy—these have been mentioned most favorably in previous annual reports, and they more than deserve all that has been said regarding them.

In closing we would most cordially commend Carleton and its interests to the churches of our state. Here the most careful and accurate scholarship is yoked with deep Christian spirit. In the plan of education at Carleton the attainment of character and complete personality have their rightful place.

PRESIDENT STRONG'S ANNUAL REPORT.

It is a pleasure to state that educationally the work of the last academic year was the largest and best in our history. In the four college classes the enrollment was 232, 11 per cent greater than ever before, and lacking but two of being twice as large as five years ago. In the academy the enrollment was 12 per cent greater than the preceding year. Both local and distant patronage were excellent, fourteen states of our union and one foreign country (Japan) being represented. Of the collegiate students, 88 were in the scientific course, 82 in the literary course, 48 in the classical, while 14 were specials. These figures plainly indicate a general trend away from the old classical curriculum toward the newer scientific studies. One reason is doubtless this: while no state is doing more than Minnesota for Latin, every one of her high schools offering a four years' course in order to secure its $800 of state aid, few states are doing so little in Greek. Last year 63 per cent of her high school students studied Latin, but less than seven-tenths of 1 per cent studied Greek. Our 100 high schools are graduating only 4 students each year prepared for the classical course. Naturally some of these will go to the eastern colleges from which their fathers graduated

Our percentage of classical students is therefore much larger than might be expected.

In years gone by the fear has been expressed that Carleton would become only a woman's college, but we find that taking college and academy together 46 per cent are men and 50 per cent are women. The ratio is almost precisely the same in the University of Minnesota in its school of literature, science and art. We have reason to expect that the predominance of women in co-educational institutions, especially if schools of music are connected with them, will be greater than it has been, for in our state the percentage of women who take a college course is steadily increasing and will probably be doubled within the next fifteen years. We rejoice that so many of them are seeking the broadest culture, but regret that so many of their brothers are too eager for business or too much in haste for professional life to secure for themselves the benefits of a liberal education.

The year was unique in the anxiety borne for months because of the "smallpox scare," on account of which it was thought best, especially in view of fears of parents at a distance, to anticipate our spring vacation and let the students return to their homes three weeks earlier than the usual date. Every possible preventive measure was adopted, and we were thankful that no contagion came into any of our college buildings.

The work in physical culture, both for young men and young women, surpassed that of any previous year, and to this, together with regular hours, systematic exercise and abundant fresh air, may be credited partially, at least, the good health of our students.

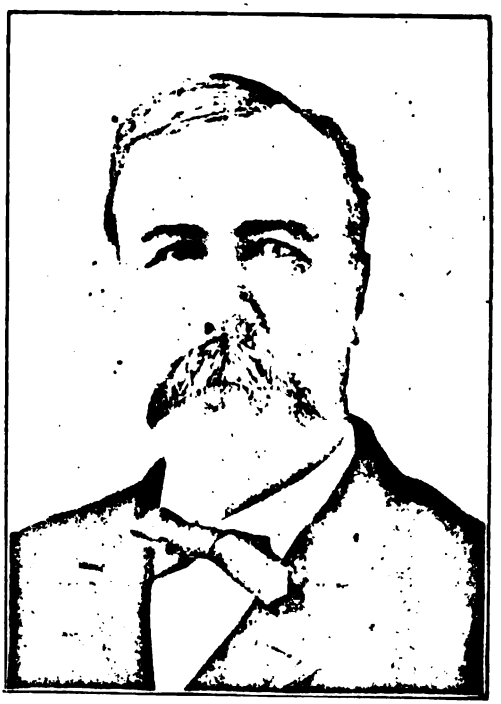
The evidences of religious interest and Christian growth have been shown in the new conversions and renewed consecrations, in the activities of the various religious organizations, in the generous contributions to missions and in the support of the prayer meetings, especially the noon-day meeting, now in its twenty-eighth year of quickening power for good, and in the organization of several classes for Bible study and a "personal worker's class." Ten young men were engaged in evangelistic work during the Christmas vacation, and several have been supplying pulpits regularly almost every Sabbath.

The Arboretum. To some a report will be of special interest concerning the effort begun several years ago in behalf of an Arboretum. Prof. Chaney, who has charge of it, says: "A portion of the grounds lying north and west of Williams and Willis Halls has been devoted to the purpose of an Arboretum. Within this area it is hoped we may be able to assemble specimens of every native tree which will grow in our locality. Besides these, trees not native to the state, but which are hardy in our latitude, have been planted in considerable numbers. The area assigned at first was soon largely planted and afforded but limited space for new trees. An adjacent space has been cleared, but it has not been possible thus far to grade it properly, and new plantings have not been made for several years. The progress of this enterprise has been mainly due to the efforts of Mrs. C. W. Hackett. Her interested effort secured the contributions from churches and individuals which

have paid the expenses thus far. As most of the trees already planted have been from the vicinity, there has been but slight cost.

"Of these all are alive except the Norway birch and horse chestnut. They will be replaced next spring. Labels are attached to the trees giving the common and scientific names and the donor's name. Eighty five trees are listed as being native in Minnesota. Of these fifty are growing in the Arboretum or other parts of the campus. Some of the others will not grow here, others are specially difficult to establish, for example, the oaks. Besides the native trees ten hardy shrubs and vines are to be found, and of trees not native there are twelve. As soon as the additional space can be made available it will be possible to press forward the plan toward completion."

The necessary limits of this report will not allow me to refer at length to the work of the different departments, the new plans adopted in some of them, nor to the event of such wide-spread interest to astronomers, the solar eclipse of May last, observed in North Carolina by two of our professors; but I must not omit an earnest reference to our financial condition and outlook. As is always the case with institutions like ours, the financial problems are those most difficult to solve. A little more than a year ago that munificent patron of Christian education, Dr. D. K. Pearson, of Chicago, pledged to Carleton, in the name of Mrs. Pearsons, the sum of $50,000 upon the condition that $100,000 more should be added to our endowment fund by the first of January next. Such were and are our straits that the board of trustees felt it would be suicidal to decline the offer. They decided that the canvas must be made, and, therefore, it has been as vigorously prosecuted as certain adverse circumstances have permitted. One-half of the whole amount, with a little more, has been secured, but the last part yet remains unpledged. The conditions of the offer cannot be changed or modified, nor the time limit be postponed. Dr. Pearsons says with the utmost distinctness and repeated emphasis that all conditions must be met by January 1st, 1901. His words are: "I must refuse to extend the time one day. No, no! January 1st, 1901, is the limit. Any institution not having completed its part of the agreement by that time will lose the money I have promised to give." This then is our critical year. Much more is dependent upon success than is generally understood. The number of our buildings, our extended courses of study, the number of instructors, the large attendance of students, the wide reputation of the institution for the highest grade of work—all these naturally give the impression of permanence, while they obscure certain facts which ought not to be overlooked. No such institution can long continue to meet the demands made upon it without a generous endowment fund whose income is available for the large expenses necessarily incurred. No student, though he pays promptly every bill presented, meets one-half of the cost of his education, even after grounds, buildings and apparatus are provided. This is a fact not appreciated by the public at large. If each student were required to pay his proportion of the expense involved only the children of the rich could hope for a liberal education. But the college was founded for the poor as well as the rich, for the pioneer and the missionary. For this reason, thirty years ago, special efforts were made to



DEAN HORACE GOODHUE.

secure funds to aid directly both those needing and deserving such help and since that time, on an average, considerably more than $1,000 a year, such students have received in cash toward the payment of their bills. Because of the principle involved and because a majority, to their credit be it said, preferred so to receive, these amounts have generally been regarded as loans, to be repaid in subsequent years. Some have not only gratefully returned with interest all they have received, but also have added generous donations. Doubtless many more will do this in the years coming.

Carleton college was born of this Association. As has often been said, it is the child of the churches and hence has a claim upon them such as no other institution can present, and it is doing for them a work such as no other institution attempts. Our fathers felt that it was imperatively needed. Were they mistaken? Were their sacrifices uncalled for and useless? Nay, verily! Carleton was needed and is needed, and it should be to us a blessed privilege to bestow upon it, as upon an agency specially chosen and blessed of God, the gifts required for its most effective service.

We desire, then, as from the beginning, three things: 1st. Your intelligent and prayerful interest. Come whenever possible and learn for yourselves the kind and grade of work we are doing, and remember, "Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it." 2nd. Your children, and not for our sake, but for their sake. They need the training and the quickening which we try to secure for them. 3rd. Your financial aid. This, as has been urgently set forth, is vitally necessary. Let not the appeal come to you in vain.

The Nominating Committee reported the following:

On Resolutions.—Rev. J. E. Smith, Rev. F. O. Krause, Mr. J. W. Murdock.

Place and Preacher.—Rev. E. B. Chase, Rev. J. H. Albert, W. S. Dibble.

Special Committee to consider matter relating to proposition from the Treasurer of National Council.—Hon. Lyndon A. Smith, Rev. S. V. S. Fisher, Rev. H. A. Risser.

"The State Public School" at Owatonna its aims and its opportunities were presented to the association by Mr. Hans J. Jager, state agent.

The editor of the "Northwestern Congregationalist" called attention that it is henceforth to be issued as a weekly.

The work of the Christian Endeavor Society was presented and emphasized by the state president, Rev. Chas. H. Curtis, of Minneapolis. A general discussion followed.

The Association took a recess until 2 o'clock.

Wednesday Afternoon.

The Association was called to order by the moderator.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

An hour was given to discussion of several phases of the work. L. E. Jepson spoke on the work in the state at large. Addresses were made by Rev. E. F. Wheeler and Rev. Henry Holmes.

Rev. R. P. Herrick made his annual report as follows:

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MINNESOTA AND THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Workers.

East of North Dakota, to the great lakes, is northern Minnesota. This section presents a wide range of church work, varying from the cultured audiences and fine edifices in Duluth, Brainerd, Detroit, Moorhead and Crookston, to the little Sunday school held in the kitchen of a log cabin, up near Red lake, presided over by a good woman, who is in herself superintendent, secretary, treasurer, teacher, organist and janitor. This region claims Mr. Stickney and finds in him a man of such unselfish spirit, tireless energy and executive talent that it acknowledges everywhere its debt to him.

If you go back to New England you will find many a bulky volume devoted to the history of some town. Look in that volume and you will find the historian devoting perhaps his best chapters to the beginnings of the Congregational church and the erection of the first meeting house. In August we helped to dedicate the first churches in Bagley and Shevlin, where Supt. Stickney had initiated the religious work and watched over its early development. In ten more communities he has initiated that kind of work this year in addition to his care of North Dakota.

South of the Duluth-Moorhead line of the Northern Pacific railway is a section being settled in its newer portion by Scandinavian farmers. Forty or eighty acres of timber land, cabin and farm buildings made of logs; a Swede or Norwegian working hard for three objects, viz.: to pay the mortgage, to keep his family and to develop the place; a flock of promising children and a mother who can knit and talk at the same time; a team of horses or yoke of oxen; a cow, pigs and chickens, this is the picture presented over and over again through this section. At hundreds of such firesides is "Uncle" John Okerstein known and loved as the missionary of the two societies and the peculiar property of the Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society. And where he goes there goes, too, in kindly word, the story of God's saving grace, as shown in the face of Jesus Christ. In the school house the Scandinavians and Americans are brought together and

shown how to co-operate in the Master's name for the religious care of the neighborhood. The new Sunday school near Mora is just such a case. In nine places organizations were arranged, but in many others the visiting in the homes was done, often with conversions following. The cumulative effect of Mr. Okerstein's work is an important element in the transition of thousands from the Scandinavian to the American citizenship and religious allegiance.

There is always a certain delight in passing from the pioneer struggles of northern Minnesota to the settled conditions of the southern part of the state. Smooth farms, painted frame buildings, bespeaking prosperity, sleek cattle, green groves and well worn roads, and even the barbed wire fences, all have a comfortable look. Yet to one who knows, this region is full of calls for initiating Christian work. This section, to the west of Austin, has been gridironed by new railroads the past year. The churches have sometimes talked as if this was a finished section. But the railroads knew better and in the last year eight new railroads have found territory for scores of stations and villages. The fact is that the farming in this section is becoming intensive, and more money is made on fewer acres. We have been able to do something in this section for Christ's kingdom and the denomination through the consecrated efforts of the lone local representative of the two societies, Rev. Ezra C. Lyons. Not to mention several important fields saved to the denomination by his timely activity, the work of Congregationalism has been initiated in ten new places by Mr. Lyons during the last year. I should like to tell you of Chandler and Cobden, the long neglected railroad towns, of Seaforth and Northrop and other towns on the new railroads, and Byron and Stony Run school houses, and the other places. But several of them you will come to know in time in the reports of our influential churches, while others will be centers of prayer and Bible study.

In the Red River Valley, Rev. L. A. Sahlstrom is uniting a work for Fargo College and the Sunday School Society among Scandinavians. Professor Sahlstrom was for years the efficient head of educational work at the Swedish Tabernacle in Minneapolis, and has a rare equipment in scholarly lines. He is, however, filled with the evangelistic spirit. So the college and the missionary work form natural outlets for his great energies. We expect much from his work the coming year. With Mr. Barrie, his predecessor, this work is credited with three new schools, although it should be said that Professor Sahlstrom has been at work only a month.

To have the general direction of initiating this Congregational work in Minnesota has been the main work of your superintendent. To do this with a fair degree of success involves several separate tasks. In the first place the state superintendent must know the entire commonwealth—not a little string of towns here this year and another string of towns elsewhere next year, but the state in its entirety. Of all new railroads he must have a knowledge and actually travel over them as early as possible. The character of all new settlements, whether English or foreign, Protestant or Catholic, must be learned by personal investigation. The movements of other denom-

inations must be followed to know what places are eliminated from our ob-
ligation. And all the beginnings must be made with a view to econ-
of time and money and their relation to existing work. If this work pr-
ises to be an immediate burden upon the Home Missionary Society the
superintendent must be consulted. All these things and many others are
involved in initiating Congregational work in Minnesota. Then the greater
task follows, that of caring the best he can for work begun and which needs
fostering. This is doubtless the greatest work the Sunday School Society is
doing in these western states. But it is a work which does not submit to
statistics. The churches can only judge of this portion of the work by
noting the proportion of Sunday schools maturing into churches. Minnesota
is not at the foot of the list in this item. Inevitably the one who has initiated
work becomes in time to a degree an adviser of both church and pastor.
But here, too, he needs to remember that the chief responsibility lies with the
Home Missionary Society and its superintendent when the organization has
reached the church stage.

To those of our churches which have given open-handed support for this work we make the earthly acknowledgment; the true acknowledgment of such giving is made by Him who still stands over against the treasury watching the gifts of those who are His followers. Our hearts would be glad, we think His would be too, by some gift in the regular church service of every church for this work of initiating Christian beginnings, not in Minnesota alone, but in Alaska and Florida and the nation. Especially do we acknowledge at this time the greatly enlarged gifts of those women who labored with us in the Gospel.

In conclusion we bespeak the guidance of God in this touching and shaping for good or evil the future of this great commonwealth of Minnesota.

W. A. Duncan, of Boston, made an address on the Home Department.

The Association gave way to the Women's Home Missionary Union.

At 3:30 the annual meeting of the Minnesota Home Missionary Society was held.

Wednesday Evening.

At 7:45 the moderator called the Association to order. Rev Alexander McGregor led in prayer.

The evening was devoted to education and Carleton College

Rev. Clarence F. Smith, of Minneapolis, gave an address on "The Christian College."

PROF. W. W. PAYNE.

Dean Horace Goodhue gave a detailed statement of "Carleton's Educational Growth."

Mr. Hiram A. Scriver, of Minneapolis, spoke on "The Value of Carleton to the Community and to the State."

President Strong spoke of "Carleton's Spirit and Aim."

After the benediction the Association adjourned.

Thursday Morning.

Meeting called to order by moderator. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. M. Jenkins, of Big Lake. Minutes were read and approved.

The report of the examiner to Chicago Theological Seminary, was read by Rev. R. L. Breed.

It was voted that the minutes be published at the earliest moment and that the limit for receiving statistical reports of the churches be placed February 15th.

The treasurer submitted his report, which was referred to the auditor. In the absence of the auditor Mr. H. A. Scriver, of Minneapolis, was appointed to act.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

S. W. Dickinson in account with the General Congregational Association of Minnesota for the year ending Septuember 18, 1900:

Cash on hand, Sept. 16	$111.28
Received from the Conferences:	
Anoka, balance	382.80
Central, balance and credit	10.85
Duluth	81.15
Mankato, balance and credit	68.00
Minnesota Valley, balance	13.20
N. P., balance	45.65
Owatonna	124.25
Western	20.00
Winona, balance	105.75
Total	$962.93

Expenditures—

1899.

Sept. 23.—Bill of Business Committee	$ 3[illegible]
Additional stenographer for Theodore Clifton	[illegible]
Oct. 7.—2,000 copies Northwestern Congregationalist	50.00
Dec. 6.—Stationery	3[illegible]
Change of Rubber Stamp	.25

1900.

Jan. 2.—Circular letter to the churches	2.00
April 24.—Printing Minutes	177.44
500 Pamphlet Envelopes	1.50
Postage on Minutes	18.41
Distribution of same	5.00
July 30.—Enrollment Blanks and Envelopes	2.75
Sept. 1.—Postage on Provisional Programme	2.50
250 Envelopes for Same	1.00
Sept. 10.—Stationery for Association	1.00
Postage for secretary's use	11.88
Postal order	.12
Salary of Secretary and Treasurer	100.00
Sept. 11.—To National Council	195.00
Sept. 12.—To National Council	75.00
Bank Exchange	.30
Total	$687.23

Assets—

Cash on hand	$275.70

Due from Conferences:

Anoka, 1900	$289.45
Central, 1900	73.83
Duluth, 1898, 1899, 1900	27.75
Mankato, 1900	41.00
Minnesota Valley, 1900	32.05
Northern Pacific, 1900	52.75
Western, 1900	18.20
Total	$534.98
Unpaid Dues to National Council	$292.98
Extra half cent	91.60
Total	$384.58

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. DICKINSON

The Nominating Committee reported:

On Finance and Printing.—J. M. McBride, Rev. J. H. Sammis, W. J. Dyer.

Ministerial Relief.—D. P. Jones, Rev. R. P. Herrick.

Corporate Members of American Board.—Rev. L. L. West, Pres. Cyrus Northrop, Hon. L. A. Smith, C. M. Way.

Voted to officially notify all members chosen for positions of service in the association.

Rev. T. M. Edmands reported for the Committtee on Systematic Beneficence, and the following recommendations were adopted:

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

There is a work that might be done to hasten the practical federation of the societies in the work of agitation and collection of funds.

It is a plan already in use by our Baptist brethren in this state. They have divided the churches into groups of equal giving capacity. The number of these groups is the same as the number of objects to which the churches regularly give, allowing time for the taking of collections for other purposes, if desired. The year is divided into convenient periods the same as the number of objects. On a given Sunday or within the given period, the churches in the same group give to the same object. To make the matter clear, in case that this plan should be adopted by our churches, here might be eight groups. Six for the six societies and two left vacant for the Bible Society, or such object. In January, for example, one group would be giving to the American Board, and another to the Church Building Society. The next period the group that gave to the American Board might give to the Building Society. Every month some churches would be giving to every society. In this way all the societies would have a comparatively regular income from the state every month. It is not necessary according to this plan that the churches give on same Sunday; but that it be done within the month or six weeks as the case may be. This would give the National Society knowledge of the time when literature could be distributed, and obviate the necessity of dunning the churches; for it would be known when the collection from a particular church was to be expected. If a percentage of gift to the different parts of our work was agreed upon the committee might make a suggestive apportionment to the different churches on a plan similar to that made by the Women's Boards.

Each year the committee would readjust the groups and the amounts to be raised. The system could be adjusted so as to allow a large liberty to the individual churches and help towards unifving our benevolent work.

The committee would in the course of time act as the state agents for the National Society and help them to save expense in communicating with the churches. Such a plan as this ought not to be adopted without the fullest possible discussion.

This committee recommends that a committee be appointed for the term of one year, who shall formulate a plan similar to the one presented and present it for discussion at the Spring Conferences and in the Northwestern Congregationalist. That the results of this discussion and study be presented for adoption or rejection at the next annual meeting of this association. If adopted it could be put into force at the beginning of 1902. A year's agitation would bring out the advantages and disadvantages of the plan and would be a good way to help on the agitation for the federation of our Benevolent Societies, and would have an educational value in directing the pastors to the subject of systematic giving. If this association does not see fit to endorse the above recommendation it would suggest that the Committee on Systematic Beneficence be allowed to die in peace. The Nominating Committee named the following to carry out the above plan: Rev. T. M. Edmands, Rev. G. E. Smith, Rev. F. L. Meske, Rev. F. H. Oehler, Rev. J. H. B. Smith, Rev. W. H. Bosard, Rev. B. Chase, Rev. W. J. Gray, Rev. R. S. Cross.

The annual statement of the Ministerial Relief Society was given.

The following brethren were invited to sit as honorary members: Rev. J. E. Roy, W. A. Duncan, Rev. E. H. Stickney, Rev. C. H. Taintor, Rev. J. M. Brown, Rev. J. D. Hill, Rev. A. Franke.

The Temperance Committee made its report through Rev. R. H. Battey, chairman.

Rev. J. A. Eakin, of Waseca, spoke on "Solving the Problems."

Brief addressses were made by Rev. F. H. Richardson, Rev. S. J. Rogers, Rev. C. E. Burton, Rev. C. F. Swift and Rev. Alex. McGregor.

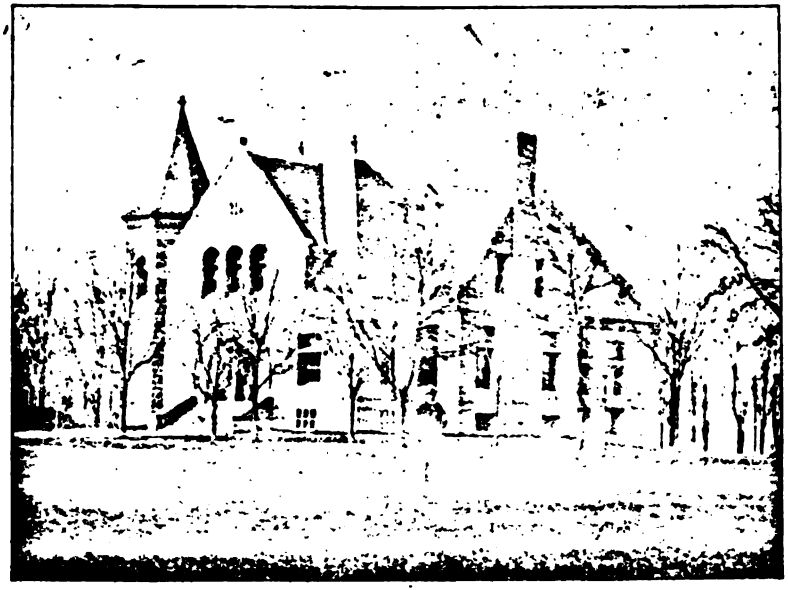
The work of the "American Bible Society" was presented by Rev. S. W. Dickinson, field secretary.

A symposia followed upon three questions:

I. "What is the heart of the Gospel?" Rev. H. B. Harrison. Mr. W. W. Howard, Rev. Wilbur Fisk.

II. "What practical methods are doing most good?" Rev. R. A. Jones, Rev. Alice Ruth Palmer, Charles T. Leonard.

III. "What truth needs most pressing emphasis today?" Rev. F. L. Meske, Rev. W. L. Bosard, Rev. Jas. Earl.



LIBRARY BUILDING.

Moved that when we adjourn it be to meet at 1:30 p. m.

The Association spent an hour in prayer, led by the Rev. C. E. Barton, of Minneapolis.

A recess was taken until 1:30 p. m.

Thursday P. M.

The Association was called to order by the moderator. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. F. Taintor, of Rochester. The minutes were read and the scribe was authorized to complete them at the close of the evening service.

The auditor reported having examined the accounts of the treasurer and found the same correct.

PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL MATERIAL.

The Committee on Historical Matter reported through Rev. R. P. Herrick, as chairman, as follows:

It is evident that the gathering of material in our archives at the capitol in St. Paul, must be very slow under present methods.

Your committee therefore recommends: First, the employment of a paid Secretary to undertake systematic work in this line, and suggests the employment of our veteran superintendent, Father Hall, in that capacity at such a compensation as the Committee on Finance and Printing shall name.

Second: We urge upon every church the desirability of holding at an early day an historical service, at which a written sketch of the history of the church shall be read and the mercies of the Lord in the past set forth. Then let this committee have that written history for its archives.

Third: We recommend that the coming year—the semi-centennial year—be marked by the publishing under the direction of this committee, and with such an editor as may be by them selected, of a brief history of our Congregational work in Minnesota. The historical services in the churches and the preparation of material would be an essential preliminary to the issuing of such a history.

The Committee on Place and Preacher recommended that the association be held next year with the First Church of Minneapolis. That Rev. W. H. Medlar preach the sermon, with Rev. Alexander Milne alternate.

The Committee on Nominations reported the name of Rev. Geo. Hindley to fill vacancy in Committee on Resolutions.

To visit Carleton College: D. P. Jones, Rev. E. W. Shurtleff, Rev. W. M. Jenkins, Rev. F. A. Bown, Rev. H. B. Harrison, Rev. F. O. Krau[illegible], Rev. J. S. Rood, Rev. J. S. Todd, Rev. William Blackwell, Rev. W. [illegible] Trussell.

For Finance Committee on Windom Institute: J. M. Norris, Rev. R. P. Herrick, W. N. Carroll and Rev. C. B. Moody.

On Temperance Committee: Rev. R. H. Beattey, Deacon D. C. Bell, Rev. J. A. Eakin, Rev. J. H. B. Smith, Rev. W. J. Gray, L. E. Jepson.

The next order of business was the election of officers, and D. P. Jones, of Minneapolis, was chosen by ballot. Further business was deferred until after the Communion service.

The report of Special Committee on the Proposition from the National Council was read by Rev. S. V. S. Fisher, and, with its recommendations, was adopted. That the Minnesota Society offer to assume the whole responsibility of caring for Rev. Richard Hall, paying an annuity of $200, together with the taxes and incidental expenses, if the National Society will deed the property over to the Minnesota Society.

At 3 p. m. the program was resumed.

Rev. A. H. Tebbetts addressed the Association as the representative of the Children's Home Society.

Rev. J. E. Roy addressed the Association on the work of the American Missionary Association.

Rev. J. A. Eakin, of Waseca, presented a paper on "Preaching, the First Business of the Preacher." Followed by discussion.

Rev. Alexander Milne then gave the Communion address.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated, Rev. W. M. Jenkins and Rev. C. L. Mears officiating. After which the Association proceeded to complete the remaining business.

The committee presented the following resolutions which were passed:

BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES.

Resolved, That we desire a closer union of the benevolent societies.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

Resolved, That we rejoice in the good work of the American Bible Society and would urge the churches to place this society on the regular schedule of benevolences.

THE SABBATH.

Resolved, That we deplore the present tendency toward Sabbath desecration, and that we especially regret the many Sunday excursions which are too often fostered by the railway companies and encouraged by a sympathetic press.

TEMPERANCE.

Resolved, That we hail with joy the manner in which the Congregational churches have co-operated during the past year in aggressive temperance work.

Second: That we recognize that the hope of temperance lies in non-partisan, non-sectarian, co-operative work, which shall place special emphasis upon the civic responsibility of the Christian voter; and that we heartily commend the Anti-Saloon League work and that of kindred organizations.

Third: That we endorse and commend such temperance legislation as has been recommended by our temperance committee.

POLYGAMY.

Resolved, That we recognize with profound gratitude and appreciation the patriotic action of the House of Representatives in excluding from its membership the notorious polygamist, Brigham H. Roberts.

UNIFORM LAWS ON MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

Resolved, That we hereby most respectfully and most earnestly call upon the senators and representatives of this state to use their utmost endeavor and to exhaust all honorable means to secure action by congress providing for uniform marriage and divorce laws throughout the states and territories of the Union.

WINDOM INSTITUTE.

Resolved, That we recognize in Windom Institute an academy of much value to our Congregational educational system and pledge to that institution our moral and financial support.

Second: Especially at this time do we urge the retirement by our Congregational givers of the small remnant of debt remaining, in order that the school may enter upon the benefit of the endowment without embarrassment.

Third: We recognize with gratitude the commencement on the endowment coming through the legacy of the late W. S. Benton, of Minneapolis, who left $25,000 for this object, and express to his family our appreciation of this generous bequest.

NORTHWESTERN CONGREGATIONALIST.

Resolved, That appreciating the change of the Northwestern Congregationalist from a monthly to a weekly, we recommend it to the patronage of the churches, and bespeak in its behalf the co-operation of the pastors.

HOME MISSIONARY JUBILEE.

Whereas it is now fifty years since the beginning of Congregational home missionary work in Minnesota, and seventy-five years since the beginning of the Home Missionary Society.

Resolved. That the next association be held at St. Anthony Falls, where the work began fifty years ago, and that the program of that association celebrate the diamond jubilee of the Home Missionary Society, and the golden jubilee of the work in Minnesota.

CARLETON COLLEGE.

Resolved, First: That we heartily commend the work which Carleton College is doing in the great Northwest; that we recognize the lofty devotion and self-sacrifice of its faculty; that we appreciate the fact that here education and religion go hand in hand as factors in the molding of symmetrical character, and that we realize in its alumni men and women who are serving their day and generation in every department of Christian life.

Second: That we recognize the burden which is upon this institution, and most earnestly urge every member of this association to lend his utmost effort to the work of raising the $50,000 which must be raised before Jan. 1st, 1901, in order to receive the liberal endowment promised by Dr. Pearsons.

REV. CHARLES SECCOMBE.

Resolved, That as an association, we gladly bear testimony to the high Christian and ministerial character of the late Rev. Charles Seccombe, of Springfield, South Dakota, and of the great value of his services in laying first foundations in Minnesota territory fifty years ago as a missionary of the A. H. M. S., his long pastorate in the first Congregational church of East Minneapolis, his able advocacy of the educational interests of Minnesota, especially in the founding of Carleton College and his efficient labors as its financial secretary in its beginnings. We have an affectionate remembrance of him as a tried and true friend, and of the ready and earnest support he always gave to the various movements for moral reform, and to the wide and beneficent influence he ever exerted in our Church Conferences and ministerial associations.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That we thank the railroad companies for their courtesies.

Resolved, That we appreciate the cordial welcome we have received into the homes of the citizens of Northfield, and that we extend to them our thanks for the many kindness shown.

Rev. W. C. A. Wallar was elected assistant moderator for the next meeting.

Rev. Alexander McGregor gave notice of a proposed amendment to Article 7, Section 1, of the Constitution, to read: "The

Annual Meeting of this Association shall begin on the fourth Tuesday, etc."

After prayer the Association took a recess.

Thursday Evening.

The Association met in final session at 7:30 p. m., with Assistant Moderator Wallar in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. G. Ernest Smith, of Sauk Center. Rev. C. H. Taintor then spoke on "The Congregational Church Building Society," and Rev. S. G. Smith made an address on "The Ministry of America to the Nation."

After singing the doxology, with the benediction by Rev. Wilbur Fisk, the Association adjourned.

L. L. WEST, Moderator.

REUBEN L. BREED, Scribe.

ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT STRONG.

CARLETON'S AIM AND SPIRIT.

One who has for thirty years been speaking before this association almost yearly on this or some kindred theme, cannot expect now to say anything strikingly new, but it is a privilege to set forth, even though it must be rapidly and briefly, what has been from the beginning Carleton's aim and animating spirit, and therefore what has shaped her plans, controlled her development and thus far determined the results of her efforts.

Institutions, as well as men, have a distinct individuality. Each has its beginning, growth, inspiring purpose and prevailing atmosphere. These give it a character peculiarly its own. While there are many things in common pertaining to methods and plans and routine life, yet each college has what we may call its own personality, which differentiates it from all other institutions. Carleton is no exception to this general law. Her aim and spirit, so manifest in all her history, both reveal her individuality and justify her existence.

Carleton's origin was distinctly religious. Its founders, always to be gratefully remembered, whose names are familiar to us all, were men of piety and of patriotism, men of power, who were moved by the same New England spirit which led our Pilgrim fathers to plant the school house by the church, and to provide that education and religion should always walk hand in hand. They recognized the truth of Daniel Webster's great utterance: "By the Christian world throughout its broadest extent, it has been and is held as a fundamental truth, that religion is the only basis of morals, and that moral instruction not resting on this basis is only building

upon sand." Carleton was not founded for material gains, nor to promote sectarian ends, but to extend in the world the kingdom of truth and righteousness. This is a primal fact in her history never forgotten. She had never claimed a moral right to live at all, except as a Christian institution; hence from the beginning, her constant aim has been two-fold, thorough scholarship, with earnest religious life. Not one to the exclusion of the other, but the two combined. "Exact learning, with a pure faith," the ultimate end being, as in all true education, the noblest character. Such an end in view necessarily requires the culture of the whole man, body, mind and spirit. No part of his being can be neglected. The right development of manhood and womanhood demands the careful training of all the powers according to some worthy ideal. Such training must certainly have the tone and tonic of an earnest spiritual life. Such training will secure, if anything can, the incarnation of the highest aims and the noblest ideals. This, in a word, is true education, Christian education, such as Carleton has been earnestly aiming to provide for more than three decades, and we hope will, with increasing success, continue still to provide for many generations yet to come.

A great preacher has said: "While books can teach, personality only can educate." Recognizing this truth, Carleton has, from the beginning, sought only such teachers as would effectively combine in themselves learning and religion, and exemplify them in their daily work. As a result, we may confidently claim that Carleton has never stood either for the superficial or the sectarian. She has sought breadth, not narrowness, remembering that there never can be antagonism between genuine religion and true learning. Her constant aim has been, by a discipline most thorough, by scholarship most exact, by methods most widely approved, to culture the whole man according to the Christian ideal; and all this in the spirit of the Scripture truth as expressed in the Latin Vulgate with which her college seal adorns every diploma, "Declaratio sermonum tuorum illuminat." Ps. 119:130. According to one of America's best scholars, the rendering of the common version should be, "The opening," i. e., the spiritual opening, "of thy word illumines."

Thus, with the broadest aim and in the most earnest spirit, Carleton seeks to provide for our youth the education which society needs, which our churches and all the interests of a Christian civilization demand, and which divine favor will always make effective. That she has done a grand work during these thirty years past, justifying all the sacrifices of the pioneers, and fulfilling their hopes, the facts set forth concerning her growth and the large fruitage already secured from her seed-sowing, most abundantly prove. Examine the leaflet distributed this evening, giving a list of our alumni, indicating their varied spheres of effort and showing how they are making themselves felt for good literally around the globe, and judge whether this educational enterprise was wisely planned and has been fulfilling its mission in the spirit of the fathers. But from the beginning Carleton has been hindered by lack of funds. The work accomplished has constantly called for personal sacrifices which have tested while they

have developed the loyalty of the professors. Most of them have declined, some of them repeatedly, invitations to other institutions which would have secured to them far beter compensation for their services, but they have not been willing to abandon a work so needed and so blessed, nor to lower the standards, start on a downward grade and abandon the leadership so honorably gained.

But the limit has been nearly reached. No institution can long continue to go on prosperously with an annual deficit of from ten to twenty thousand dollars. The vital question is forced upon us, shall Carleton's work gradually decline and be given up, or shall it be carsied forward with increasing power and ever widening effects? Congregationalists have won proud distinction as "the denomination that educates." Surely we must take no backward steps. Carleton must have an immediate and large addition to her endowment funds. Her equipment must be proportionate to her needs and her opportunities. As was set forth this morning, the canvass for one hundred thousand dollars, only partially completed, must be made a success by the first day of next January to meet the conditions on which Dr. Pearsons' pledge of fifty thousand dollars is made. These conditions are unchangeable. To fail in meeting them would be for us more than a calamity, it would be suicidal. We must not fail. Success is our imperative obligation. Are the Christians in our churches today less heroic, less patriotic, less devoted to the best things than were their fathers a generation ago? Surely there is wealth enough in our churches. It has been rapidly increasing during these last two decades. Is it in the hands of those less consecrated to the Master, and less willing to make sacrifices to promote His kingdom? Upon the practical answer to these questions will depend the success of Carleton's effort to provide for our sons and daughters a collegiate training in accord with the Christian ideal.

Shall we succeed? With God's blessing, not without it. His hand has been in this enterprise from the beginning. Past favor is a pledge for the future. He will continue to bless. Where is the money to be found? I do not know, nor need to know. If I knew, there would be no occasion for faith. Our Father knows, and that is sufficient. Let there be no room for pessimism, but only for a conquering faith. "This is the victory which overcometh the world."

ADDRESS BY REV. C. F. SWIFT.

The Christian College.

There is really nothing new to be said, so far as the general argument is concerned, on the subject of the Christian college. However, this fact is rather an advantage than otherwise, as the points gain in force from the very readiness with which they suggest themselves to each new advocate of the cause. But if the ideas are old, yet each new decade, each new year, is adding force to the argument in the way of demonstration, because the experience of the world is making more clear the absolute need there is for the college distinctly Christian. If the materialistic trend of thought

of a generation ago called for the Christian College to lead in the protest even more the present day with its apparent tendncy away from the supremacy of the material calls insistently for the Christian College to take its place at the forefront of the march along the better way.

After the high school—what? Where shall the boy be sent who is for the first time to study away from home?

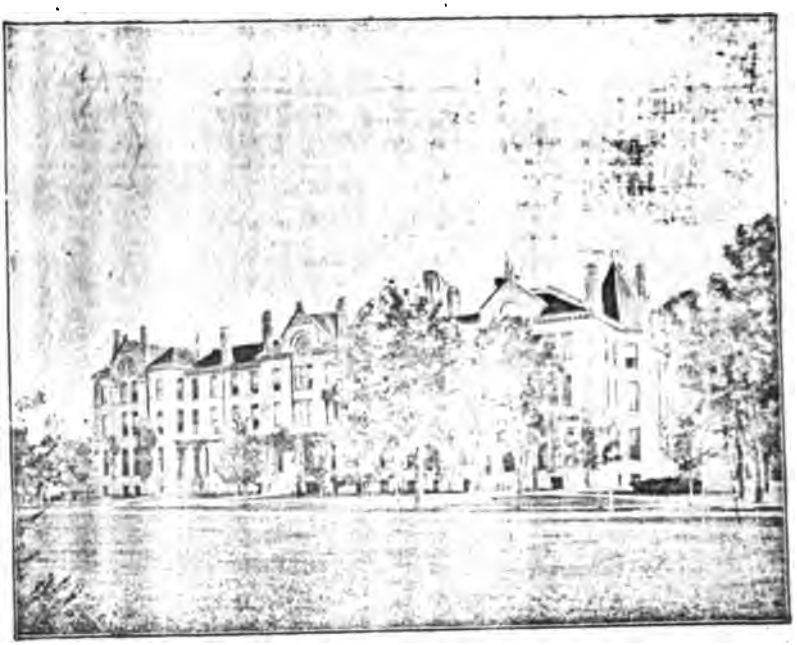
The Christian College acknowledges no superior among the institutions of today in its care for the physical well-being and for the mental discipline of its students. In these lines it does all that any college does, and it claims to do for them what none but a Christian school can do in the care for their moral and spiritual development.

As a matter of knowledge it puts the ethical and religious in the place of dominance accorded them by the best thinkers of today. The last word of science and philosophy is in accord with Ritschl, "Ethics and the kingdom of God are primary." The student of the facts of the material universe needs a distinctively Christian interpretation. It is a mistake to teach him the facts of nature at school and send him to some teacher outside of his school for the true interpretation of the facts. All truth is God's truth, and the student of the sky and the earth is "thinking God's thoughts after him." But he needs a guide to point out to him the theistic and Christian meaning of it all. And, above all, he needs the knowledge of the infinite that comes from that supreme revelation in the Bible.

We are somewhat inclined to assume that there cannot be combined the genuine study of the universe and of the Bible. Even President Tucker says: "The humble, reverent, undaunted searcher after truth in nature has more religious quality in his search than the superficial or partisan student of Scripture." Of course! But why not the "humble, reverent, undaunted searcher after truth" in nature and in Scripture for the best guidance of our youth just away from the home and the high school?

If it be narrowness to refuse to open the mind to the witness of the sky and the rocks and the evolution of life, it is doubly narrow to listen to the voices of nature and exclude the voice of Scripture. But it is in the matter of character also that the Christian College makes its claim. No man is educated who has not received information and inspiration in the direction of moral character. No system of education is complete which does not make ample provision for that information and inspiration. Whence shall it come? "From the discipline. Order is moral, disorder is immoral." Well and good, but this is only a step. "From the example of teachers." This is better still, for there is no one force in the world equal to it. But why stop here? The Christian College takes its stand on the proposition that for the best training for life, the influence of character needs to be supplemented by the influence of direct instruction in ethics and by the specific guidance in religious culture. And that this, for its highest benefit, must be an integral part of the student's school life, "that religious culture be made an organic part, and not an incidental adjunct of education," as Dr. Hopkins expresses it.

The omission of religious culture in the college course carries with it



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the implication that such culture is not an essential part of a liberal education. The claim here made is that it is an essential, and that it should hold the same place of prominence in the college curriculum that it holds in the best life of men and women in the world outside the college.

I say nothing about the Christian College and its relation to the supply of ministers, simply because the same training that is needed for the right kind of ministers is just what is needed for the right kind of merchants and lawyers and doctors. A system of education that means fewer ministers is apt to mean fewer men of the ministering spirit in every walk in life.

"Wisdom is the principal thing, therefore get wisdom," and therefore go to college. "Behold! the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding." Therefore go to the Christian college.

MINNESOTA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

President, 1878-1901.....Pres. James W. Strong.
Vice-President.....
Treasurer.....
Auditor.....

DIRECTORS.

R. D. Russell.....Term expires 1901
L. E. Jepson.....Term expires 1901
Rev. F. A. Sumner.....Term expires 1901
W. H. Laird.....Term expires 1902
C. W. Hackett.....Term expires 1903
J. F. Jackson.....Term expires 1903
F. H. Carleton.....Term expires 1903

MINUTES.

The annual meeting of the Home Mission Society was called to order by President Strong.

After singing a verse of "I love thy Kingdom, Lord," prayer was offered by Father Hall.

The scribes and nominating committee of the Association were elected to corresponding duties in the society,

The report of the directors of the society was presented by Rev. F. A. Sumner, of Little Falls. The same was adopted and referred to Committee on Printing.

A survey of the Home Mission work in the state was given by the different conference chairmen.

Rev. S. V. S. Fisher spoke on the work among the Scandinavian people.

The first annual address of the new superintendent was then presented. This report with its resolutions and recommendations was adopted.

The Nominating Committee then made its report, presenting the names of C. W. Hackett, J. F. Jackson and F. H. Carleton to serve as directors of the Home Missionary Society. The scribe was instructed by vote to cast the ballot of the society for the men named.

After prayer the society adjourned.

R. L. BREED, Scribe.

JAMES W. STRONG, President.

PROBLEMS OF THE JUBILEE YEAR.

George R. Merrill, Superintendent.

I should be singularly dull and slow of heart if I were not touched by the welcome I have everywhere received on coming home. This larger pastorate, in which I find myself, was not of my seeking, and its acceptance was scarcely a matter of my own choosing. The only fitnesses I find in myself for it are the knowledge I have of the churches, the hearty affection I bear them, and the place in the hearts of my brethren that God gave to me during the years of pastoral service here.

But in the exigencies of the situation the errand of the Lord seemed so plain that one who had the least disposition to submit himself to orders could do nothing, but at whatever sacrifice in taste or inclination or income, address himself to it with willing feet. Thus far, in the kindly regard of my brethren, and in new experiences of the grace and guidance of the Master, the service has been a great joy.

The change of administration in a business of such extent and delicate complexity and comprehending so many and varied interests as the work of home missions in Minnesota, involves considerable risks. That no more untoward results have been apparent is due to the administrative gifts, in the use of which, during his long term of service, my predecessor had organized the work, and the judicious care, with which, under the oversight of the Minnesota Board of Directors, it was administered during the time of change by the brother beloved and trusted in all the churches, Rev. S. V. S. Fisher.

My own ignorance of detail and inexperience in the affairs of the office have been helped at every turn from his knowledge, and that of Rev. R. P. Herrick, of the Sunday School and Publishing Society; while the patient and fraternal counsel of Rev. Washington Choate, D. D., the secretary of the National Society, having Minnesota especially in charge, the loyal assistance of the General Missionaries, Rev. C. B. Fellows and Rev. E. C. Lyons, the valued co-operation of Rev. E. H. Stickney, who represents the Sunday School and Publishing Society at the north, and the service of the several Conference Committees, have been such as to leave me nothing to desire.

Owing to the changes that have taken place, the material is lacking for the ordinary statements about the work of the year as a whole. So far as any are specially interested in the progress of the churches that have been aided in their work, they will find the account of it properly in the figures presented to the state association. I am not sure, that if I could I would separate from the rest the story of the so-called "Home Missionary" churches. As between the churches of the state, the work of Home Missions is a fellowship, only the outermost fringes of whose meaning can be tabulated. And those most interested either as giving or as receiving would be the least to care for it.

On the part of the Congregational Home Missionary Society, I am advised that during its last year there was received from Minnesota, $6,620.73; that of this sum $1,800.00 was as legacies, making the total amount from the churches of the state, through all their channels of contribution, $4,427.73. During the same time there was expended in the state, in the aid of 94 missionaries and the support of 147 churches and preaching stations, $12,762.62; that eleven new churches were gathered and four meeting houses erected.

The general missionary situation has been brought before you by the addresses of the brethren to whom you have entrusted, in the Conference Committees which they represent, the responsibility of oversight of this work for you, and in the address of the honored superintendent of the Scandinavian work. I do not propose to repeat what they have so intelligently and graphically put before you.

Two dates are most noteworthy in the early Calendar of Congregational Minnesota: June 10, 1850, when Rev. Chas. Seccombe and Rev. Richard Hall received their commissions from the American Home Missionary Society to labor in the territory of Minnesota, and November 10, 1851, when, after many perplexities and much trial of patience, formal organization was made at the Falls of St. Anthony of the First Congregational Church in Minnesota.

Twenty-five years earlier the American Home Missionary Society had been organized by men whose strong desire and only impulse was to bring together America and Christ. And although through conditions that were not at all of our making, the constituency became narrowed to the place where it was according to the truth of things that Congregational should take the place of American, the impulse has not grown more narrow or the desire changed one whit.

We shall, therefore, in the year to come, be in the midst of the Diamond anniversary of Home Missions in the United States, and the Jubilee of Home Missionary work in our own state, and at the passage into a new century as well.

The meeting of the State Association in 1901, and the corresponding first gathering of this Society in the Twentieth Century will no doubt formally celebrate the Jubilee and review the story of these great years of struggle and achievement.

We had hoped that Father Seccombe might be spared to us, and that,

meeting, as we should meet, by the Falls of St. Anthony, he and Father Hall might stand together and tell to us the story of our beginnings. Reserving for that time, which ought to be made an occasion most memorable to our organized church life, the survey of the past, it will certainly be agreed that during the coming year we should be looking toward and preparing the way, for some forward movements that may worthily commemorate our Jubilee and the opening of the new century.

I desire, therefore, to set before you in outline some of the problems of the Jubilee Year, and to submit for your consideration some recommendations that seem to me pertinent.

The problems are not hypothetical ones, in whose solution sanctified ingenuity may exercise itself, but are actually set for us by the facts of the situation.

1. For fifty years the Congregational Churches of the United States have been fostering and supporting missionary endeavor in this state. It has been a half-century of marvel in the development of Minnesota. Our increase in population and wealth has been wonderful. In that increase those who follow our way of church life have taken their full part and gained their full share. I do not suppose anybody will do us the discredit to question either of these statements.

During this time the appropriations for our Home Missionary work have reached a yearly maximum of nearly $25,000, and from that have declined to an amount barely sufficient, with painful care, to meet the pressing necessities of work that forces itself upon us.

2. Minnesota is scarcely more than half settled; and in what may be called the settled portion there are considerable regions as yet unpossessed by the Gospel of Christ, where there is no house of worship, and no habitual Christian assembly.

At the north we have a frontier of our missionary work at Cass Lake, and in the Bagley field, only half way from the center of the state to its northern boundary. South of this picket line, to the north of Staples, there is an unworked area where five men could find a great opportunity not only for planting, but for ingathering.

The region north from Cass Lake, into which unnoticed but steadily, through various gateways, the hundreds—some say the thousands—of homesteaders have been sifting for the last few years, is, as far as is known, entirely unevangelized. And when a few months ago, our missionary at Cass Lake, moved in his great heart with longing for those neglected souls, craved the privilege of leaving civilization behind him and going into the woods for a year of work among these sheep for whom no one is caring, with only so much help from the Society as would furnish him with the most meagre base of supplies, the superintendent had one of his most trying moments when he said to him that he must restrain his zeal and let them alone. It was not that the few hundred dollars needed now for his venture could not be found. But when a year hence he should come out of the woods with a dozen infant churches by his side for us to nourish, where,

in the light or darkness of the facts already cited, should one look for the $1,500 or $2,000 that their nourishing would demand?

In the southwestern part of the state railroad extensions, opening sections that have been inaccessible, and calling thriving towns into being, afford us the opportunity, if we can use it, to retrieve the disaster of years ago, when this section was lost to the Gospel we have to bring.

3. The offerings from the state through all channels for the work of Home Missions is about one-third of what it amounted to in 1895, and for the year last reported amounts to somewhat less than an average of twenty-five cents each from the total membership of our churches. I do not believe that this is a true witness either to the poverty of the Congregational Churches of Minnesota, or the measure of their interest in the extension of the institutions of religion in their own state.

4. It cannot be discovered that there are as many as six Congregational Christians in the state who contribute annually as much as one hundred dollars each to this work.

It is perfectly well understood at the east that all the members of all the Congregational Churches in Minnesota are not poor and struggling. The wealth of the state is not altogether in other hands.

If there are not a half dozen Congregationalists in Minnesota who believe enough in Minnesota and in their own way of church life to invest a hundred dollars a year in it, what wonder that the Christians of the east should be inclined to reduce their annual investment of thousands?

5. The Congregational Home Missionary Society, the parent of all our churches, with three or four possible exceptions, has been forced in these years of financial stress to do its work with a diminished income. As has been seen, we have had more than our proportionate share in that diminution. To keep up the work that must be sustained has resulted in an arrearage of about $100,000, in whose accumulation we have been among the proportionally responsible parties.

It is proposed that at the Diamond Anniversary at Boston next June, the Treasurer shall be able to report this arrearage covered and such a permanent advance in income assured as will make possible the occupation of the new territory which, not in Minnesota alone, but in all the northwest and southwest is waiting for the missionary and the church. There can be no question that grateful appreciation of what has been done in Minnesota through the work of Home Missions and any adequate sense of the pressing needs of our almost unexplored territory will unite with a proper state pride and a true devotion to the Kingdom of our Lord to make it impossible for Minnesota to be deaf to the call of the Year of Jubilee as it comes to us from the Mother of us all.

These facts, with others connected with and related to them, give us our present problems.

It may seem to some that the problems are one, and that the answer is, more money.

The answer to the problem of the desert is not a pail of water brought to be poured upon it. It is in its connection with an abundant and unfailing water-supply.

I am profoundly impressed that our real problem is a spiritual, and not a financial one. That the only solution of it that will solve and stay solved is the permanent deepening of the spiritual life of the Churches. When the great forces that abide in and direct the heart and rule the working of our glorious Lord upon his sovereign throne, direct our hearts and rule our doings, the streams that make glad the city of our God and cause the wilderness to blossom as the rose, will only need to have channels of information and opportunity dug for them, through which will flow whatever the Lord calls for, be it prayer or money or personal service.

For such condition there is no substitute and unto the production of such condition we ought to give ourselves.

In view of all these things, I beg leave to offer the following resolutions and recommendations:

1. Resolved, That as the Congregational Home Missionary Society proposes to celebrate its Diamond Anniversary, at the close of the present year, with its deficiency removed and provision made for a forward missionary movement, we, representatives of the Congregational Churches of Minnesota, planted and nurtured by its endeavor, in gratitude for fifty years of continued assistance from the Society, and in loyalty to Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom belong the as yet unevangelized portions of our land, pledge ourselves together and severally to the most hearty co-operation in the movement. Particularly we agree to use our utmost endeavor to secure before May 1, 1901, the largest possible offering from every one of the churches in the state.

2. Resolved, That for the proper commemoration of our own Year of Jubilee and to secure the organization and prosecution of the large forward movement that befits our history and opportunity, there be a committee appointed consisting of the Chairmen of the several Conference Committees and the President and Vice-Presidents of the Woman's Home Missionary Union; that of this committee the Superintendent of Home Missions for the state shall be Convener and an advisory member.

That this Committee be instructed:

1. To arrange for a series of local Fellowship meetings in various parts of the state for the purpose of deepening the spiritual life in our membership, making them acquainted with God's wonderful ways with us in the fifty years now closing, and awakening them to the opportunities that are before us in the new century.

2. To suggest and assist in carrying into operation measures that may insure the redemption of the pledge already made to co-operate with the National Society in the endeavor by whose success it proposes to signalize its Diamond Anniversary.

It is the judgment of this Society that the least offering with which we can content ourselves, and so the minimum to be aimed at by this Committee, is to lay one Minnesota dollar by the side of every dollar which is to be given by the Churches of the East through the Congregational Home Missionary Society for our work in this year.

3. To co-operate with the Program Committee for the next meeting of the State Association in arranging for the Jubilee services.

3. Resolved, That the fitting place for our gathering in our Year of Jubilee is the place by the Falls of St. Anthony, where our work in the state was begun. We therefore request the General Association, at this session, to make arrangements for holding its next meeting, if possible, with the First Church in Minnesota.

REV. JAMES B. MCCONNELL.

THE CONFERENCES.

ANOKA CONFERENCE.

Organized—(record lost).
Annual Meeting: Elk River, May 21, 1901.
Registrar: Rev. S. J. Rogers, Minneapolis.
Home Missionary Committee: Rev. W. J. Gray, chairman.

CHURCHES.

Afton, Anoka, Arcola, Brownton, Cottage Grove, Elk River, Excelsior, Fair Oaks, Glencoe, Groveland, Hutchinson, Lakeland, Long Lake, Minneapolis—First, Plymouth, Park Avenue, Pilgrim, Como Avenue, Union Open Door, Lyndale, Fremont Avenue, Fifth Avenue, Mizpah, Bethany, Robbinsdale, Lowry Hill, First Scandinavian, Oak Park, New Brighton, Temple Swedish, Thirty-eighth Street—North Branch, Preston Lake, Princeton, Rush City, St. Paul—Plymouth, Pacific, Atlantic, Park, St. Anthony Park, Bethany, Olivet, South Park, People's, University Avenue, People's (Hazel Park), German People's—Sandstone, Silver Lake, Spencerbrook, Stewart, Stillwater, Sunrise, Wayzata.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

Jonas M. Ahnstrom, Hiram H. Appleman, Franklin H. Bassett, Eben M. Betts, George S. Biscoe, George D. Black, Carl B. Bjuge, Richard Brown, Charles E. Burton, Henry L. Chase, Henry J. Colwell, James W. Danford, Ernest E. Day, Daniel D. Davis, James B. Drew, Charles B. Fellows, Samuel V. S. Fisher, Americus Fuller, William A. Gerrie, Herbert W. Gleason, William J. Gray, Robert A. Hadden, Richard Hall, Leavitt H. Hallock, Harry B. Hendley, George Hindley, Robert P. Herrick, Henry Holmes, Jay M. Hulbert, J. Alexander Jenkins, William W. Lewis, Asa P. Lyon, Daniel H. Magnus, J. Bruce Mather, Alexander McGregor, Charles L. Mears, Calvin B. Moody, Frank L. Moore, John H. Morley, George M. Morrison, James McPherson, Andrew G. Nelson, William W. Newell, Jairus L. Nott, James Oakey, William Ohler, William Okerstein, Alice Ruth Palmer, Henry W. Parsons, Edwin S. Pressey, Philip Reitinger, Frank H. Richardson, Henry A. Risser, Alva D. Roe, Samuel J. Rogers, John I. Sandford, James E. Smith, Samuel G. Smith, John H. Sammis, Zwingle H. Smith, Water A. Snow, Moody A. Stevens, Clarence F. Swift,

Charles J. Trehka, Tell A. Turner, Stephen G. Updyke, John B. Wheelwright, William A. Wilkinson.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

Organized: 1882.
Annual Meeting: Litttle Falls, June 18, 1901.
Registrar: J. H. Wettleson, Alexandria.
Home Missionary Committee: Rev. G. Ernest Smith, chairman.

CHURCHES.

Alexandria, Big Lake, Burtrum, Cable, Clarissa, Clearwater, Glenwood, Grey Eagle, Hasty, Hudson, Little Falls, Monticello, Orrock, Paynesville, Pillsbury, Randall, Round Pairie, St. Cloud, St. Cloud and Sauk Rapids (Swedish), Sauk Centre, Sauk Rapids, Swanville, Upsala, Villard.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

Nels J. Bolin, William J. Brown, Elmer E. Cram, Frank P. Ferguson, William M. Jenkins, J. Frank L&ocke, William H. Medlar, Charles H. Moxie, Karle E. Peterson, Edward N. Ruddock, G. Ernest Smith, Frederick A. Sumner, Carl J. Swain.

DULUTH CONFERENCE.

Organized: Nov. 15, 1897.
Annual Meeting: Aitkin, May 22, 1901.
Registrar: Rev. Alexander Milne, Duluth.
Home Missionary Committee: Rev. Geo. W. Gallagher, chairman.

CHURCHES.

Aitkin, Biwabik, Brainerd—First People's—Duluth—Pilgrim, West Plymouth, New Mayflower, Morley—Hibbing, Walker.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

Frank D. Bentley, Martin B. Bird, Frank A. Brown, George W. Gallagher, Jeremiah Kimball, Alexander Milne, Charles E. Wilcox.

MANKATO CONFERENCE.

Organized: Nov., 1880.
Annual Meeting: Sherburne, May 8, 1901.
Registrar: Rev. T. Merrill Edmands, Mankato.
Home Missionary Committee: Rev. J. E. Ingham, chairman.

CHURCHES.

Ash Creek, Belgrade, Edgerton, Ellsworth, Fairmont, Fraser, Freeborn, Freedom, Granada, Hartland, Kanaranzi, Kasota, Lake Belt, Mankato—Mankato Swedish, Mapleton, McPherson, New Richland, Salem, Sherburne, South Bend, Waseca, Worthington.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

Elijah Carter, Fernando E. Carter, Jules A. Derome, Josiah P. Dickerman, John A. Eakin, T. Merrill Edmands, Charles W. Merrill, Francis M. Washburn.

MINNESOTA VALLEY CONFERENCE.

Organized: June 11th, 1881.
Annual Meeting: Madison, June 4, 1901.
Registrar: D. T. Wheaton, Morris.
Home Missionary Committee: Rev. F. L. Meske, chairman.

CHURCHES.

Appleton, Belview, Benson, Campbell, Correll, Dawson, Graceville, Granite Falls, Hancock, Lake Emily, Madison, Marietta, Montevideo, Morris, Nassau, Ortonville, Tintah.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

James Earl, Clement M. G. Harwood, Frank O. Krause, Eli C. Lyon, Fred L. Meske, Charles A. Ruddock, George R. Searles, Otis A. Starr, Arthur H. Tebbets, John W. Todd, Edwin E. Webber.

NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

Organized: June 2, 1880.
Annual Meeting: Ada, June 18, 1901.
Registrar: C. R. Andrews, Ada.
Home Missionary Committee: Mr. George E. Perley, chairman.

CHURCHES.

Ada, Akeley, Audubon, Bagley, Barnesville, Bertha, Cass Lake and Ferris, Crookston, Detroit City, Dorset, Felton, Fergus Falls, Fertile, Fossston, Georgetown, Glyndon, Hawley, Kragness, Lake Park, Lake View, Maple Bay, McIntosh, Mentor, Moorhead, Park Rapids, Pelican Rapids, Perham, Sebeka, Shevlin, Staples, Verndale, Wadena, West Dora.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

Richard H. Battey, Ernest C. Chevis, William J. Conard, Edward P. Crane, Frederick C. Emerson, Isaac N. English, Samuel E. Fish, Herman

P. Fisher, Lewis C. Frost, Reuben W. Harlow, Charles E. Harris, Jr., Benjamin Iorns, T. Henry Lewis, Levi Loring, John L. Martin, George Michael, David W. Morgan, John S. Rood, Lars A. Sahlstrom, John H. H. Smith, Esther Smith, William A. Whitcomb, Francis Wrigley.

OWATONNA CONFERENCE.

Organized: June 2, 1869.
Annual Meeting: Lyle, May 9, 1901.
Registrar: Rev. W. A. Warren, Spring Valley.
Home Missionary Committee: Rev. J. E. McConnell, chairman.

CHURCHES.

Austin, Cannon City, Cannon Falls, Claremont, Dexter, Dodge Center, Faribault, Grand Meadow, Hamilton, Lyle, Mantorville, Medford, Morriston, Northfield, Owatonna, Rose Creek, Spring Valley, Taopi, Waterville, Welch.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

J. H. Albert, Joseph H. Chandler, Lucian W. Chaney, Delbert W. Cram, Calvin W. Duncan, George Huntington, John C. Huntington, James E. McConnell, Thomas W Minnis, Hannah M. Mullenix, Alfred H. Pearson, George S. Ricker, James W. Strong, William F. Trussell, William C. A. Wallar, Willis A. Warren, Edward F. Wheeler, Sherman B. Wilson, Cassius E. Wright.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

Organized: June 16, 1874.
Annual Meeting: Marshall, June 10, 1901.
Registrar: L. M. Lange, Marshall.
Home Missionary Committee: Rev. Wm. Blackwell, chairman.

CHURCHES.

Cornish, Custer, Garvin, Lake Benton, Lake Stay, Lamberton, Marshall, New Ulm, Selma, Sleepy Eye, Springfield, Tyler, Walnut Grove, Winthrop.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

William Blackwell, Harry W. Johnson, William H. Klose, George H. Rice, Enoch E. Rogers, Albert Warren.

WINONA CONFERENCE.

Organized: Jan. 12, 1858.
Annual Meeting: Wabasha, May, 21, 1901.
Registrar: Rev. J. F. Taintor, Rochester.
Home Missionary Committee: Rev. E. B. Chase, chairman.

CHURCHES.

Lake City, Lake City Swedish, Mazeppa, Plainview, Rochester, St. Charles, Stewartville, Wabasha, Winona—First, Second, Scandinavian, Wiscoy, Zumbro Falls, Zumbrota.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

Emil A. Anderson, Reuben L. Breed, Ezra B. Chase, Samuel W. Dickinson, William L. Dibble, Hans G. Josephson, Robert G. Jones, William Lodwick, S. Edward Lynd, William G. Ramsay, Nathaniel Smith, Henry H. Stutson, Jesse F. Taintor, Lester L. West.

UNASSOCIATED CHURCHES.

Carlos, Chokio, Culdrum, Elmdale, Franconia, Ham Lake, Lida Lake, McKinley, Minneiska, Mud Lake, New York Mills, Solway, Star Lake, Union Lake.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

OF THE

General Congregational Association

OF MINNESOTA.

CONSTITUTION.

NAME.

Article 1.—This Association shall be called the "General Congregational Association of Minnesota."

OBJECT.

Art. 2.—No ecclesiastical power or authority shall be assumed by this Association or delegated thereto; but its object shall be to promote fellowship and co-operation among the Congregational Churches in Minnesota.

STATEMENT OF DOCTRINE.

Art. 3.—I. We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and all things visible and invisible.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who is of one substance with the Father by whom all things are made.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who is sent from the Father and Son, and who, together with the Father and Son, is worshipped and glorified.

II. We believe that the providence of God, by which he executes His eternal purposes in the government of the world, is in and over all events; yet so that the freedom and responsibility of man are not impaired, and sin is the act of the creature alone.

III. We believe that man was made in the image of God, that he might know, love and obey God, and enjoy him forever, that our first parents, by their disobedience fell under the righteous condemnation of God, and that all men are so alienated from God that there is no salvation from the guilt and power of sin except through God's redeeming grace.

IV. We believe that God would have all men return to him; that to this end He has made himself known, not only through the works of nature the course of His providence, and consciences of men, but also through super-

natural revelations made especially to a chosen people, and above all, when the fullness of time was come through Jesus Christ His Son.

V. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the record of God's revelation of Himself in the work of redemption, that they were written by men under special guidance of the Holy Spirit; that they are able to make wise unto salvation, and that they constitute the authoritative standard by which religious teachings and human conduct are to be regulated and judged.

VI. We believe that the love of God to sinful men has found its highest expression in the redemptive work of His Son; who became man, uniting His divine nature with our human nature in one person; who was tempted like other men yet without sin, who by His humiliation, His holy obedience, His sufferings, His death on the cross and His resurrection, became a perfect Redeemer; whose sacrifice of Himself for the sins of the world declares the righteousness of God, and is the sole and sufficient ground of forgiveness and of reconciliation with Him.

VII. We believe that Jesus Christ, after He had arisen from the dead, ascended into Heaven, where, as the one mediator between God and man, He carries forward his work of saving men; that he sends the Holy Spirit to convict them of sin, and to lead them to repentance and faith; and that those who, through renewing grace, turn to righteousness and trust to Jesus Christ as their Redeemer, receive for his sake the forgiveness of their sins, and are made the children of God.

VIII. We believe that those who are thus regenerated and justified, grow in sanctified character through the fellowship with Christ, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and obedience to the truth; that a holy life is the fruit and evidence of faith; and that the believer's hope of continuance in such a life is in the preserving grace of God.

IX. We believe that Jesus Christ came to establish among men the kingdom of God, the reign of truth and love, righteousness and peace; that to Jesus Christ, the head of His Kingdom, Christians are directly responsible in faith and conduct; and that to him all have immediate access without mediatorial or priestly intervention.

X. We believe that the Church of Christ, invisible and spiritual, comprises all true believers, whose duty it is to associate themselves in churches for the maintenance of worship, for the promotion of spiritual growth and fellowship, and for the conversion of men; that these churches under the guidance of the Holy Scriptures and in fellowship with one another may determine—each for itself—their organization, statements of belief, and forms of worship; may appoint and set apart their own ministers, and should cooperate in the work which Christ has committed to them for the furtherance of the gospel throughout the world.

XI. We believe in the observance of the Lord's day, as a day of holy rest and worship; in the ministry of the word; and in the two sacraments

which Christ has appointed for his church; Baptism to be administered to believers and their children, as the sign of cleansing from sin, of union to Christ and of the impartation of the Holy Spirit; and the Lord's Supper, as a symbol of His atoning death, a seal of its efficacy, and means whereby he confirms and strengthens the spiritual union and communion of believers with himself.

XII. We believe in the ultimate prevalence of the kingdom of Christ over all the earth; in the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; in the resurrection of the dead; and in a final judgment, the issues of which are everlasting punishment and everlasting life.

Art. 4.—I. Any minister who is a member—made such by vote—of a Congregational conference in this State, of the Evangelical character of which the General Association is satisfied, shall be entitled to a seat in this body; also two delegates from each church connected with such conference, any church being entitled to an additional delegate for each fifty of its resident members after the first hundred, conference registrars, officers of the Association, members of its standing committees, the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society, and of the Minnesota Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Interior.

II. Other ministers or laymen present at any meeting, whose names are proposed by the nominating committee, may be honorary members with all the privileges of membership except that of voting.

OFFICERS.

Art. 5.—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, who shall be elected at the closing session of the annual meeting to serve one year; a Scribe, elected annually by ballot; and Assistant Scribe, and Auditor, chosen annually viva voce, and a Secretary, elected triennially by ballot, who shall have charge of the records, correspondence and statistics, and shall also be Treasurer. They shall hold offices until their successors are chosen.

COMMITTEES.

Art. 6.—I. The standing committees of this Association to be chosen annually, shall be a Business Committee, a Committee of Arrangements, a Committee of Finance and Printing, and a Sunday School Committee, of three members each, and a Committee to visit Carleton College, to include the Moderator of the State Association and one representative from each conference, a Committee of Systematic Beneficence, of one member from each conference, and a Committee of three on Temperance. The Business Committee shall always have one member who has served upon said committee within the last two years. The minister of the church to which the annual meeting is appointed shall be a member of the Committee of Arrangements.

II. For each annual meeting there shall be a Nominating Committee, a Committee on Place and Preacher, and a Committee on Resolutions, of three members each.

TIME OF MEETING.

Art. 7.—I. The annual meeting of this Association shall begin on the third Tuesday in September, and close on the following Friday.

II. Should an exigency arise requiring an extra meeting of this body, or a change from the appointed time and place, such appointment or change may be made by the Moderator, Secretary, Chairman of the Business Committee, and Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, or by three of these upon giving adequate notice.

AMENDMENTS AND RULES.

Art. 8.—I. This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, notice of such amendment having been given at the previous meeting.

II. Any rule of the Association may be suspended temporarily by a two-thirds vote. A motion to alter, establish or strike out any rule shall be read on two days and may be discussed at each reading. At the first reading the question shall be: Shall it be read a second time?

RULES.

1. At the annual meeting the Moderator or Assistant Moderator, or in their absence the Secretary, or the minister of the church with which the meeting is held, shall preside until permanent officers are elected. The first session shall be opened with a sermon by the minister or alternate appointed by the association, if he shall be present, otherwise by a minister appointed by the Business Committee.

2. After the opening sermon at the annual meeting, the Secretary and Scribe shall collect the names of members, together with the names of the church each delegate represents, and that of the conference to which each minister belongs. Upon the following morning the roll shall be read, and the organization completed.

3. The Minutes of the preceding day shall be read each morning for correction, and the corrected Minutes shall be read before the close of meeting for approval.

4. Every motion, when it is requested, shall be reduced to writing, and every written motion, when seconded, shall be passed to the Scribe, who shall likewise receive all reports presented to this body, and all papers which it shall adopt.

5. In debate, no one shall speak upon the same question more than twice or longer than ten minutes, except by vote of the body.

6. The Secretary and Scribe of this body, and the Registrar of any conference shall be a Committee on Credentials for members within the bounds of said conference.

7. The Secretary shall collect through the Registrars the statistics from the conferences and churches, and shall publish and distribute the minutes of this body, and for his services may receive one hundred dollars.

8. The Treasurer shall collect through the Registrars the funds due this body from the conferences, according to the apportionment made by the Committee on Finance.

9. The Business Committee shall prepare the program for the annual meeting and shall publish the same at least three weeks before the time appointed for said meeting. They shall also prepare the order of business for each session, designating the time when reports of officers, and of the committees provided for in the constitution, and of the President of Carleton College shall be received. They shall provide in the program for at least one devotional meeting of an hour's duration at a time in the day favorable for a general attendance. New business shall be introduced only by the Business Committee, except upon vote of the Association.

10. The Nominating Committees shall nominate officers and committees not otherwise provided for, and shall propose the names of honorary members.

1. The Committee of Arrangements shall make general arrangements for the annual meeting and shall appoint preachers or leaders for all religious services except the opening sermon.

12. The Committee on Finance shall approve all bills to be paid by the Treasurer, and shall estimate the expenses of this body for the ensuing year and apportion the same among the conferences, such apportionment to be published in the Minutes.

13. The annual reports from the churches in each conference shall be presented in writing by its Registrar, or such person as it shall appoint.

14. Any member of this Association if present at the meeting of any corresponding body, shall be authorized to represent the Association therein. For his certificate this rule will be sufficient, and he may report to this body at its next annual meeting.

15. At the meeting of this body next previous to the meeting of the National Council, delegates at large and alternates, half of each to be laymen, shall be chosen to represent the Congregational churches of the state at National Council.

ROLL OF THE ASSOCIATION.

ANOKA CONFERENCE.

Anoka—Rev. A. E. Barnes, H. L. Bryant. *Excelsior*—Rev. C. L. Mears, Mrs. J. J. Huntington, Miss May Huntington, Martha M. Murray, Maimie E. Rogers. *Elk River*—Rev. G. Hindley, Mrs. J. H. Williams. *Hutchinson*—Rev. F. H. Richardson, Mrs. J. V. V. Lewis. *Minneapolis: First*—Mrs. W. A. Deering, W. A. Deering, Mrs. W. S. Pattee, Mrs. C. B. Dyer, Rev. C. J. Colwell, Mrs. C. J. Colwell, Mrs. F. J. Snell. *Plymouth*—Rev. L. H. Hallock, Mrs. E. W. Hallock, W. F. Black, E. W. Peck, Rev. G. R. Merrill, Mrs. G. R. Merrill, N. W. Clark, C. T. Leonard, Mrs. C. T. Leonard. *Park Avenue*—Rev. C. F. Swift, Mrs. C. F. Swift, Mrs. W. I. Gray, Mrs. W. F. Foster, Mrs. W. M. Bristoll, Mrs. E. R. Shephard, Miss M. C. Halsey, C. B. Norton, Miss B. Lincoln. *Pilgrim*—Rev. C. B. Moody, Mrs. A. V. Whiting, Mrs. A. N. Burton, Mrs. H. F. Rogers, C. H. Wingate, Mrs. C. H. Wingate, Miss C. Wingate. *Open Door*—Mrs. W. J. Morgan, Miss J. W. Phang, Miss M. McVoy. *Vine*—Rev. S. V. S. Fisher, Mrs. S. S. Sickels. *Union*—Rev. D. D. Davis, Mrs. D. D. Davis. *Lyndale*—Rev. C. E. Burton, Miss G. T. Grinsted, C. R. Newcomb, Mrs. K. B. McKenzie, Mrs. J. A. Burton, Miss N. M. Baltuff, W. B. Cheney, Mrs. W. B. Cheney. *Fifth Avenue*—Rev. J. E. Smith, J. M. McBride. *Robbinsdale*—Rev. J. Oakey, Mrs. J. Nakey, A. B. Robbins, Mrs. A. B. Robbins. *Oak Park*—Rev. W. A. Snow, Mrs. W. A. Snow. *Forest Heights*—Rev. R. A. Hadden, Mrs. R. A. Hadden, Mrs. J. W. Walker, Mrs. E. Mason. *Swedish Temple*—Rev. O. G. Norseen. *38th Street*—Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, Mrs. W. A. Wilkinson. *Fremont Avenue*—B. H. Granger. *St. Paul: Plymouth*—Rev. G. M. Morrison, Mrs. G. M. Morrison, Rev. R. Hall, Miss C. W. Nichols, Mrs. A. B. Upham, Rev. C. J. Trehka. *Park*—Rev. A. McGregor, M. De Motte, Mrs. M. De Motte, W. W. Howard, Mrs. W. W. Howard, Mrs. S. D. Curry. *Bethany*—Rev. W. A. Gerrie, R. L. Robbins. *Olivet*—Rev. J. H. Sammis, Mrs. J. H. Sammis, Mrs. F. J. Snell. *South Park*—Rev. H. A. Risser, Mrs. Stephen Currie, Miss B. Phillipps. *Peoples*—Rev. S. G. Smith, Miss S. N. Smith, R. A. Hoyt. *University Avenue*—Rev. H. W. Parsons, R. M. Kilborn. *Atlantic*—Rev. W. W. Lewis, Mrs. H. H. Hamilton, A. E. George, Mrs. F. J. Plondke, Miss M. Brandt. *Pacific*—Rev. W. J. Gray, Mrs. W. J. Gray, Mrs. S. Cochrane.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

Alexandria—Rev. W. H. Medlar, Rev. F. P. Ferguson. *Big Lake*—Rev. W. M. Jenkins, Miss M. Snyder, Miss N. F. Havens. *Clearwater*—Rev. R.

Watt, Miss J. Bosworth. *Glenwood*—Rev. W. J. Brown. *Little Falls*—Rev. F. A. Sumner. *Paynesville*—Rev. C. H. Moxie. *Grey Eagle*—E. E. Cram. *Sauk Centre*—Rev. G. E. Smith.

DULUTH CONFERENCE.

Biwabik—Rev. F. A. Brown. *Duluth: Pilgrim*—Rev. A. Milne, Mrs. E. G. Chapman, A. Baldwin.

MANKATO CONFERENCE.

Freeborn—Rev. W. Fisk, Mrs. J. H. Seath, Miss R. F. Challis. *Granada*—Rev. A. F. C. Kirchner. *Mankato*—Rev. T. M. Edmands, Mrs. E. Hughes, C. H. Cooper, Mrs. C. H. Cooper. *Mapelton*—Mrs. J. A. Derome. *Edgerton*—Rev. P. H. Fisk. *Kerns*—Rev. R. P. Upton, Mrs. R. P. Upton. *Ellsworth*—Rev. R. McClane. *Fairmont*—Mrs. W. J. Richardson. *New Richland*—Rev. H. W. Johnson. *Sherburne*—Rev. J. E. Ingham, Miss H. Jenkin. *Waseca*—Rev. J. A. Eakin, Mrs. E. C. Rawney, Mrs. W. J. Shaw.

MINNESOTA VALLEY CONFERENCE.

Appleton—Rev. F. O. Krause, Mrs. Tadson. *Belview*—Rev. H. W. Robinson. *Benson*—Rev. S. Heath, Mrs. F. C. Robins. *Granite Falls*—Rev. J. Earl. *Hancock*—Rev. C. W. Duncan. *Montevideo*—Rev. P. W. Yarrow, Mrs. P. W. Yarrow, L. S. Moyer, Mrs. C. H. Budd, Mrs. L. G. Moyer. *Chokio*—Rev. W. D. Ogg. *Ortonville*—Rev. F. L. V. Meske, Miss R. Shumaker.

NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

Barnesville—Rev. T. H. Lewis. *Crookston*—Rev. H. P. Fisher. W. L. Vannet, W. E. CoMin. *Fergus Falls*—Rev. J. W. Todd. *Hawley*—J. H. Reid. *Wadena*—Rev. F. H. Oehler, Mrs. F. H. Oehler.

OWATONNA CONFERENCE.

Austin—Rev. E. F. Wheeler, Mrs. E. F. Wheeler, S. Cook, Mrs. S. Cook, Mrs. J. J. Hayes, J. S. Decker, Mrs. J. S Decker. *Dexter*—Rev. P. Winter, Mrs. J. Shurman. *Dodge Center*—Rev. W. R. Bosard, Mrs. W. R. Bosard. *Faribault*—Rev. J. H. Albert, J. J. Dow, R. A. Mott. *Grand Meadow*—Rev. T. W. Minnis, Miss J. Greening, J. De Young. *Mantorville*—Rev. W. C. A. Wallar, Mrs. H. J. Cooley. *Medford*—Rev. E. C. Chevis, D. McKinley. *Morristown*—Rev. C. H. Maxwell, J. Rhorer, Mrs. S. A. Richler. *Northfield*—Rev. J. E. McConnell, Mrs. H. Goodhue, Mrs. J. A. Barrows, H. C. Baldwin, Prof. A. H. Pearson, P. C. Stratton. *Owatonna*—Rev. J. S. Gould, E. Thom. *Spring Valley*—Rev. W. A. Warren, Mrs. M. J. Hunt, Mrs. E. W. Thayer.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

Marshall—Rev. G. P. Merrill, Mrs. G. P. Merrill, W. S. Dibble. *Sleepy Eye*—Rev. W. Blackwell. *Springfield*—Rev. B. Iorns. *Winthrop*—Mrs. R. S Cross, Miss A. A. Campbell.

WINONA CONFERENCE.

Lake City—Rev. E. B. Chase, Mrs. H. J. Collins. *Swedish Church*—Rev. E. A. Anderson. *Mazeppa*—Rev. J. L. Nott, W. Bright, Mrs. W. Bright. *Plainview*—Rev. F. H. Anderson, L. E. Marten. *Rochester*—Rev. J. F. Taintor, Mrs. J. F. Taintor, Mrs. E. Elliott, Miss L. A. Graves, Mrs. M. Stillman, Miss C. L. Toan. *Stewartville*—Rev. R. G. Jones, B. W. Tuttle. *Wabasha*—Rev. R. L. Breed, Mrs. R. L. Breed, Mrs. J. G. Dill, Mrs. E. Lincoln, J. W. Murdock. *Winona: 1st*—Rev. L. L. West. *2nd*—Rev. W. F. Trussell. *St. Charles*—Rev. W. G. Ramsay, C. C. Bachelder. *Zumbro Falls*—Mrs. E. C. Anderson. *Zumbrota*—Rev. S. E. Lynd, Mrs. S. E. Lynd, Geo. W. Skillman, Mrs. G. W. Skillman.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

Pres. J. W. Strong. Rev. E. C. Lyons, Rev. S. J. Rogers, Rev. S. W. Dickinson, Rev. J. F. Okerstein, Rev. C. B. Fellows, Rev. A. H. Tebbets, Rev. R. H. Battey, Rev. D. Donovan.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Rev. G. R. G. Fisher, Rev. O. W. Roberts, Rev. C. H. Curtis, Rev. M. B. Morris, Mrs. M. B. Morris, Rev. C. H. Taintor, Rev. J. E. Roy, Mr. H. J. Jager, Rev. E. H. Stickney.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

YEAR		PLACE.	MODERATOR.	PREACHER AND TEXT.
1	56	St. Anthony	Rev. Sherman Hall	Rev. W. R. Stevens; John 1: 4.
2	57	Prescott, Wis.	Rev. L. Armsby	Rev. C. B. Sheldon; II Cor. 4: 7.
3	58	Faribault	Rev. D. Andrews	Rev. Richard Hall; Rev. 11: 15.
4	59	Winona	Rev. C. Seccombe	Rev. L. Armsby; Rev. 3: 8.
5	60	St. Paul	Rev. D. Burt	Rev. D. Andrew; Isa. 55: 10, 11.
6	61	Anoka	Rev. O. Thomas	Rev. A. S. Fisk; Phil. 4: 6.
7	62	Northfield	Rev. Chas. Shedd	Rev. Chas. Shedd; II Thes. 2: 13.
8	63	Lake City	Rev. W. R. Stevens	Rev. J. W. Millen; John 17: 20, 21.
9	64	Rochester	Bro. C. M. Goodsell	Rev. C. Seccombe; Prov. 14: 10.
10	65	Minneapolis	Bro. R. G. Lincoln	Rev. D. Burt; Eph. 2: 1.
11	66	Faribault	Bro. W. G. Copp	Rev. A. B. Smith; Matt. 33: 8.
12	67	St. Cloud	Pres. J. W. Strong, D. D.	Rev. E. J. Hart; Luke 19: 11, 27.
13	68	Austin	Bro. S. W. Furber	Rev. A. Fuller; Job. 40: 3; 42: 5, 27.
14	69	Owatonna	Bro. J. L. Noyes	Rev. E. Gale; John 4; 22, 12.
15	70	Northfield	Bro. R. J. Baldwin	Rev. W. B. Dana; Mark 4: 28.
16	71	St. Anthony	Pres. J. W. Strong, D. D.	Rev. C. C. Slater, D. D.; Isa. 40: 3.
17	72	Lake City	Rev. S. H. Barteau	Rev. E. M. Williams, D. D.; Rom. 1: 16.
18	73	St. Paul	Bro. H. W. Page	Rev. H. M. Tenney, D. D.; Phil. 2: 15.
19	74	Winona	Rev. H. A. Stimson, D. D.	Rev. C. M. Terry; I Cor. 6: 9, 17.
20	75	Minneapolis	Rev. L. H. Cobb, D. D.	Rev. J. W. Ray; Rom. 1: 16.
21	76	Austin	Rev. E. M. Williams, D. D.	Rev. George A. Wood; Eph. 3: 8.
22	77	Faribault	Rev. David Burt	Rev. C. W. Merrill; II Tim. 4: 2.
23	78	Mankato	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D. D.	Rev. J. H. Morley; Matt. 16: 19, 16.
24	79	Minneapolis	Hon. A. H. Young	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D. D.; Heb. 11: 1.
25	80	Northfield	Rev. L. W. Cheney	Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, D. D.; Matt. 23: 8, 10.
26	81	Rochester	Rev. Geo. A. Hood	Rev. C. E. Wright, D. D.; Matt. 11: 4.
27	82	St. Paul	Bro. H. W. Page	Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D.; Matt. 16: 14, 15.
28	83	Lake City	Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, D. D.	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D.; Isa. 50: 4.
29	84	St. Cloud	Rev. M. W. Montgomery	Prof. A. H. Pearson; Phil. 1: 21.
30	85	Winona	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D.	Rev. H. C. Hovey, D. D., Jer. 32: 8.
31	86	Minneapolis	Rev. C. W. Merrill	Rev. John H. Crum, D. D.; I Tim. 1: 19.
32	87	Fergus Falls	Prof. Geo. Huntington	Rev. M. W. Montgomery; Isa. 21:6; I Cor. 2:2.
33	88	Owatonna	Rev. C. E. Wright, D. D.	Rev. J. W. Hargrave; II Tim. 2: 15.
34	89	St. Paul	Rev. S. V. S. Fisher	Rev. I. L. Cory; Luke 12:33.
35	90	Northfield	Rev. G. R. Merrill, D. D.	Rev. E. M. Noyes; Matt. 5: 13.
36	91	Duluth	Rev. H. W. Gleason	Rev. A. H. Heath, D. D.; Rom. 1: 15.
37	92	Minneapolis	Rev. J. F. Taintor	Rev. J. A. Chamberlain; John 14: 12.
38	93	St. Paul	Rev. Smith Baker, D. D.	Rev. L. L. West, D. D.; Mark 13: 37.
39	94	Austin	Bro. C. W. Hackett	Rev. J. E. McConnel; I Chron. 12: 32.
40	95	Alexandria	Hon. D. C. Bell	Rev. S. G. Smith, D. D.; Matt. 6: 11.
41	96	Faribault	Rev. G. F. Soper	Rev. T. Merrill Edmands; Phil. 1: 9.
42	97	Montevideo	Dean Horace Goodhue	Rev. John A. Stemen; Luke 24: 36.
43	98	Owatonna	Rev. R. S. Cross	Rev. J. W. Todd; Rom. 8: 19.
44	99	Rochester	Hon. Lyndon A. Smith	Rev. S. J. Rogers; I Cor. 10: 21.
45	00	Northfield	Rev. L. L. West, D. D.	Rev. J. F. Taintor; Rev. 19: 10.

RECORDING SECRETARIES.

Rev. C. B. Sheldon.....1859—1861.
Rev. A. K. Packard.....1862—1864.
Rev. J. F. Dudley.....1866—1867.
Rev. L. S. Griggs.....1868—1869.
Rev. H. A. Stimson, D. D.....1870—1872.
Rev. H. Bumsted.....1873—1874
Rev. C. A. Hampton.....1875—1876
Bro. Wm. Cheney.....1877—1878
Rev. Geo. A. Hood.....1879—1881
Rev. W. A. James.....1882—1883

CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

Rev. C. Seccombe.....1856—1858.
Rev. D. Burt.....1859—1867.
Rev. A. Fuller.....1867—1870.
Rev. C. C. Slater, D. D.....1871—1872
Rev. N. C. Chapin.....1873—1877
Rev. L. W. Chaney.....1878—1883

STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

Rev. C. Seccombe.....1856—1870.
Rev. R. Hall.....1871—1875.
Bro. W. Cheney.....1876—1878
Rev. Geo. A. Hood.....1879—1881
Rev. J. B. Fairbank.....1872—1889.

Secretary: Rev. S. W. Dickinson.....1889—1901.

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PROPOSED PROGRAM

FOR

The Forty-Sixth Annual Meeting of

The General Association of Minnesota,

TO BE HELD AT

"The Falls of St. Anthony",

The First Church in Minneapolis,
Cor. Eighth Ave. and Fifth St. S. E.

SEPTEMBER 17-19.

GENERAL THEME,

Our Realization of the Presence of God

Moderator, DAVID PERCY JONES, Esq.

Business Committee:
LEAVITT H. HALLOCK.
FREDERICK A. SUMNER.
CHARLES A. SAWYER.

Special Jubilee Committee,
W. J. GRAY.

Committee of Arrangements,
E. W. SHURTLEFF.

HON. JOHN S. PILLSBURY.

MINUTES

OF THE

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OUR ILLUSTRATIONS

Are of those who have long been faithful servants of our Lord. We rejoice that we can present these familiar faces to the churches of Minnesota.

Judge Charles H. Woods, Walter S. Benton and Hon. Robert D. Russell, all for many years honored members of Plymouth church, Minneapolis, have, since their recent removal by death, been greatly missed in the work in the state.

The two meeting houses of the First Church in Minneapolis suggest to the eye something of the progress of the years past. The first was built in 1863, at a cost of about $3,000, a large share of which was contributed by friends in the East. The other dedicated in 1888, erected at a cost of about $90,000 was the freewill offering of a grateful people.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther G. Johnson, of fragrant memory, were identified with the First Church for more than forty years, during the greater part of which they served it as Deacon and Deaconess.

Hon. John S. Pillsbury was identified in interest and large financial support with the Church from his coming into the community, and rejoiced in the distinction of being the scholar of longest standing in its Sunday School.

Among all the strong and helpful people who have made the life and prosperity of the Church in its first half-century none perhaps have been more markedly useful than this group of three, who now "rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

Rev. L. H. Cobb, D. D., and Rev. George A. Hood are remembered as former Superintendents of our Home Missionary work.

They are now earnest workers in the Church Building Society.

Rev. Samuel W. Dickinson has served us faithfully as secretary and treasurer for twelve years. We desire for him great success in the work of the American Bible Society.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

MODERATOR:
HON. DAVID PERCY JONES, Minneapolis.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR:
REV. W. C. A. WALLER, Mantorville.

SCRIBE:
REV. J. E. INGHAM, Sherburn.

ASSISTANT SCRIBE:
REV. ERNEST E. DAY, Minneapolis.

SECRETARY:
REV. S. W. DICKINSON, St. Paul.

ACTING SECRETARY:
REV. SAMUEL J. ROGERS, Minneapolis.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:
REV. L. H. HALLOCK, REV. F. A. SUMNER,
CHARLES A. SAWYER.

NOTICES FOR 1901.

The next Annual Meeting will be with the Congregational Church of Fergus Falls, September 16th, 1902.

Sermon, Rev. Ezra B. Chase, of Lake City.

Moderator, Rev. Alexander Milne, Duluth.

Assistant Moderator, George E. Perley, Moorhead.

Secretary, Samuel J. Rogers, Minneapolis.

Committee of Arrangements, Rev. John W. Todd, M. T. McMabon, C. A. Daley.

Auditor, John M. Norris.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1901-1902.

BUSINESS.—Rev. F. A. Sumner, Rev. J. Sidney Gould and W. F. Decker.

FINANCE AND PRINTING.—W. F. Black, Charles E. Wingate and Rev. William A. Gerrie.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—Rev. Henry Holmes, J. M. Anderson and Rev. Philip M. Yarrow.

REVISION OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.—Rev. L. H. Hallock, Rev. J. H. Albert and Rev. Herman P. Fisher.

PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL MATTER.—Rev. S. V. S. Fisher, Pres. James W. Strong, Rev. Geo. R. Merrill, Warren Upham, Rev. J. F. Taintor, Rev. Richard Hall, Geo. H. Rust, L. G. Moyer and Luther Osborne.

FINANCE COMMITTEE OF WINDOM INSTITUTE.—J. M. Norris, Rev. R. P. Herrick, W. N. Carroll.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.—Rev. W. C. A. Waller, Rev. E. E. Cram, Rev. E. E. Day, Rev. A. S. Dascomb, Rev. E. W. Jenney, Rev. H. W. Stiles, Rev. G. Ernest Smith and Rev. Pliny H. Fisk.

TEMPERANCE.—Rev. R. H. Battey, Rev. J. A. Eakin, David C. Bell, Lowell E. Jepson, Rev. J. H. B. Smith, Rev. Wm. J. Gray.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.—Rev. C. H. Curtis, Walter N. Carroll and Rev. W. C. A. Waller.

TRUSTEES OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY.—Rev. W. J. Gray and Pres. Chas. H. Cooper.

VISITOR TO CHICAGO SEMINARY.—Rev. John S. Rood.

FOR VISITING WINDOM INSTITUTE.—Rev. Wm. H. Medlar, Rev. T. M. Edmands, Rev. J. E. McConnell.

FOR VISITING CARLETON COLLEGE.—Rev. C. E. Burton, Rev. J. H. B. Smith, Rev. H. B. Harrison, Rev. F. L. V. Meske, Rev. T. Henry Lewis, Rev. W. M. Jenkins, Rev. W. F. Trussell, Rev. Benj. F. Iorns, Rev. Ezra B. Chase.

MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The forty-sixth annual meeting of the General Congregational Association convened in the First Congregational Church of Minneapolis on Tuesday, Sept. 17th, 1901, at eleven o'clock, a. m., and was called to order by the Moderator, Hon. David Percy Jones.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Todd.

The Secretary being absent, Rev. Samuel J. Rogers was recognized as Acting Secretary for the session.

Rev. J. E. Ingham was elected Scribe, Rev. E. E. Day was elected Assistant Scribe and J. M. Norris Auditor. The Moderator appointed Rev. J. H. Albert, Lowell E. Jepson and Rev. H. P. Fisher as Nominating Committee.

At request of the Business Committee the rules requiring the sermon at first session, an hour's devotional service each day and the continuance of sessions until Friday, were suspended. The Business Committee presented their report in the printed program which was adopted and carried out in the sessions of the three days.

The Secretary's report was read and referred to Committee on Printing, and is as follows:

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

In accordance with the action of the Association the minutes of the last meeting were printed in separate form and issued to the churches at once. The change was radical, and criticism has been made on the experiment. The question occurs whether the plan of publishing the minutes and statistics under separate covers, and at such different times shall be tried another year.

As early as was consistent with accuracy, the statistics obtained were prepared for the Year Book and forwarded. There was a little gain in time over last year, a hopeful indication for the future. A summary of statistics shows 237 churches on the roll; 14 have pastors installed by Council; 138 pastors otherwise inducted; 65 were vacant, and 20 supplied by licentiates or ministers of other denominations. There are on the ministerial roll reported as being ministerial members of the Conferences, 199. There was a total

church membership of 18,178; of which 2,774 were absent. This gave a loss on the total from last year of 102. Nine hundred and forty-one were added by confession, 825 by letter; making a total of 1,766. There were lost through the different various channels, 1,207, a difference of 559 in favor of gain by additions, but by no manner of figuring is it possible to make this agree with the above apparent loss of 102 on the total membership, for the reason this total is never absolutely accurate, but always variable from year to year. This is due to carelessness in part in reporting and to incorrect methods of keeping the church roll. The probability behind the figures is that, as a matter of fact our churches made a substantial gain last year in membership, in spite of the seeming loss. There were 23,495 enrolled in the Sunday School; 144 Christian Endeavor Societies reported 6,387 members. One hundred and seventy-one churches report 12,904 families, a gain of 1,733 in the figures, but this is also variable, as more churches report this item this year than last. In benevolence, 178 churches report to Foreign Missions, $9,172; Education, $14,883; Church Building, $1,690; Home Missions, $10,164; A. M. A., $2,050; Sunday School, $1,316; Ministerial Aid, $336; other, $6,752; a total of $46,366. An increase of $9,322. The home expenses of 171 churches reporting were $233,633.

In the correspondence of the year I submit to the Association a memorial from Winona Conference.

In making this, my Twelfth Annual Report, and as I feel that I cannot, in view of other duties, hold the office longer, my final report, I desire to thank the officers serving the Association in various capacities from time, to time and all friends who have so kindly assisted me and contributed toward the success of my labors. I rejoice in the good name of Minnesota Congregationalism, and shall ever be grateful that I have had some humble part in the later years of the noble work whose Jubilee we celebrate.

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. DICKINSON, Secretary.

The report of the Treasurer was read, accepted and referred to the Auditor.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Cash on hand Sept. 23rd, 1900	$275.95
Received from Conferences:	
Anoka in full for 1900	289.45
Central in full for 1900	73.83
Mankato in full for 1900	41.00
Minnesota Valley, on assessment of 1900	20.00
Northern Pacific in full for 1900	52.75
Owatonna, assessment of 1901 in full	94.64
Winona, assessment of 1901 in full	61.00
Total	$908.62

Expenditures:

Bill of Business Committee	$22.65
Kamman Printing Company, stationery	3.25
Printing State Minutes	105.50
Postage and express on Minutes	20.60
Paid to National Council	594.64
Postage, bank exchange, telegrams, rubber stamp and book for Secretary	21.94
Salary of Secretary	100.00
Total	$868.58
Balance in Treasury	40.04
Balance due the National Council	$155.54

Dues from Conferences:

Anoka, assessment of 1901	$319.56
Central, assessment of 1901	62.32
Duluth, balance of 1900	27.75
Assessment of 1901	29.80
Mankato, assessment of 1901	54.32
Minnesota Valley, balance of 1900	12.05
Assessment of 1901	26.32
Northern Pacific, assessment of 1901	44.40
Western, balance of 1900	18.20
Assessment of 1901	29.06
Total	$624.68

N. B.—Four Conferences sent in checks at time of the meeting, but after above report was sent to the acting secretary.

S. W. DICKINSON,
Treasurer.

St. Paul, Sept. 16, 1901.

The accounts of the treasurer have been examined and found correct.

JOHN M. NORRIS,
Auditor.

The probable expenses of the year will be as follows:

National Council	$300.00
Salary of Secretary	100.00
Postage, stationery, etc.	15.00
Business Committee	40.00
Printing minutes	130.00
Mailing the same	25.00
Total	$610.00

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Rev. Wilbur Fisk opened the meeting with prayer. Assistant Moderator in the chair.

An overture from Iowa State Association in regard to a Ministerial Annuity organization was presented by Rev. E. A. Berry, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

On motion of Rev. L. H. Hallock, it was resolved that a committee of three be appointed to co-operate with the Iowa Committee and have power to act in the premises. Upon report of Nominating Committee, Rev. S. V. S. Fisher, Rev. Alexander Milne and W. W. Howard were elected to serve on this Committee.

The Records of the Scribe for Tuesday were read and approved. Secretary Dickinson's Report on "The State of Religion" was read and referred to the Committee on Printing. The roll of Association was read and corrected.

The Service of Prayer for the Church and Ministry of Minnesota was led by Rev. W. C. A. Wallar.

Rev. J. Sidney Gould read a paper on "Our Realization of the Presence of God in the Bible," upon which there was discussion. The paper was referred to the Committee on Printing.

The Business Committee presented a memorial to the National Council concerning "The Federation of Our Benevolent Societies," which was adopted, and presented also a memorial from the Winona Conference which was referred to the Sunday School Committee.

The session was closed with prayer by Rev. L. H. Cobb.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The session of Wednesday afternoon was given up to the Minnesota Home Missionary Society, a full report of which appears elsewhere.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

At 7:15 p. m. a large audience assembled to celebrate by toasts and addresses the Fiftieth Anniversary of the First Church of Minneapolis.

Dean W. S. Pattee presided, and the program arranged was carried out, as follows:

Invocation—Rev. E. W. Shurtleff.
Solo—Miss E. Abbie Thomas, "The Day Is Ended."—*Bartlett.*

TOASTS.

Hon. J. S. Pillsbury, "Then" (1851).
J. E. Ware, "Now" (1901).
Rev Geo. R. Merrill, "The Mother Church."
Mrs. Leavitt, "The Marthas and Marys."
Solo by Rev. Geo. B. Clark, of South Carolina.
J. M. Anderson, "The Future."
Solo—Miss Thomas, "The Holy City"—*Adam.*

To the regret of all, Governor J. S. Pillsbury was unable to be present. Rev. Geo. R. Merrill occupied the time in historical reminiscences.

The addresses of the evening were all of unusual interest. The historical sketch and the prayer of the evening will be found on pages 25-28.

At 8 o'clock the Moderator took the chair, and, after singing, Prof. W. Douglas Mackenzie, D. D., of Chicago Theological Seminary, gave an address on "The Coming Kingdom of Our Christ."

The Nominating Committee reported nominations for Committees on Business, Sunday Schools, Printing and Finance, Visiting Carleton College, Visiting Windom Institute, Revision of Constitution, Preservation of Historical Matter, Finance Committee for Windom Institute, Temperance, Systematic Beneficence, Trustees of Ministerial Relief and Visitor to Chicago Seminary. Report was adopted. See Standing Committees for 1901 and 1902, page 3.

The Nominating Committee reported further, recommending for Committee on Place and Preacher Rev. F. H. Oehler, Rev. John A. Eakin and Geo. E. Perley.

For Delegates to National Council.—Hon. David Percy Jones, President Jas. W. Strong, D. D., and President Cyrus Northrop, LL. D.

For Corporate Members of the American Board.—Hon. Lowell E. Jepson and Hon. David Percy Jones.

To Represent the Association at the Memorial Service of President McKinley on Thursday at University Armory.—Rev. Samuel G. Smith and Rev. Alexander Milne.

These nominations were adopted, and the Association adjourned, closing with prayer and benediction.

THURSDAY MORNING.

"The Woman's Home Missionary Hour" was the first service of the morning. At 10:30 a. m. the Association met in the Armory of the University with professors and students for a memorial service of President McKinley. After music by the University Band, prayer was offered by Rev. Alexander Milne, and appropriate addresses made by Dean W. S. Pattee, Prof. W. N. West, Hon. D. P. Jones, Rev. Samuel J. Smith and President Cyrus Northrop. The closing hymn was "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

At the close of the service there was a reception by President Northrop at his office, when he made a few remarks regarding the work and influence of the University.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

After the Woman's Foreign Missionary Hour a devotional service was led by Rev. J. H. Sammis. The subject was "Our World-Wide Mission Work."

At 4 o'clock the Moderator called the Association to order, and Rev. George M. Morrison read a paper on "The Realization of God in the Life of the Christian."

The Committee on Resolutions reported, and the report was adopted and referred to the Committee on Printing.

The resolutions upon the death of President McKinley and of Bishop Whipple were adopted by a rising vote.

The Committee on Place and Preacher reported in favor of Fergus Falls for the next meeting. Rev. E. B. Chase as preacher and Rev. H. P. Fisher, alternate.

The report was adopted.

The form in which the Minutes should be printed was referred to the Committee on Printing.

The amendment to the Constitution proposed one year ago was laid upon the table for one year.

Mr. J. M. Norris proposed an amendment to the Constitution separating the office of Treasurer from that of Secretary, which, under the rules, is laid over till next year.

The following persons were chosen Delegates to the National Convention of the Anti-Saloon League:

Delegates—	Alternates—
Rev. Samuel E. Fish	C. M. Way
F. L. Hampson	James Plant
David C. Bell	Rev. C. A. Ruddock
Luther Osborn	Rev. J. H. Sammis
Albert S. McMillan	Philip R. Hamilton

The Committee of Arrangements for Next Meeting and a Committee on Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor were chosen. (See Standing Committees.)

Rev. Alexander Milne was elected Moderator, and George E. Perley, Assistant Moderator. Samuel J. Rogers was elected Secretary.

The minutes were read and approved to date, and Scribe and Secretary empowered to complete the record.

The Committee upon Historical Matter reported that they had, in accord with the vote of the Association of 1900, sent a letter to each Church, asking for a historical sketch to be deposited with the Minnesota Historical Society for permanent preservation. The report was accepted and the Committee directed to secure for the same purpose the matter that has at this session come before the Minnesota Home Missionary Society.

THURSDAY EVENING.

The session was called to order by the Moderator. Rev. Dr. Roy made a brief address introducing Rev. Geo. V. Clark, of Charleston, S. C., after which Mr. Clark led a song service and made an address upon the conditions of educational work in the South since the close of the war.

Rev. Charles H. Curtis discussed the "Problems of the Immediate Future."

Rev. M. B. Morris led a service of consecration and fellowship.

The Chairman of the Business Committee, the Pastor of the First Church and the Moderator expressed their appreciation of all the services of the three days, and, upon motion, the Association adjourned, the closing prayer being offered by Rev. Wilbur Fisk.

DAVID PERCY JONES,
Moderator.

J. E. INGHAM,
Scribe.

SAMUEL J. ROGERS,
Secretary.

ROLL OF THE ASSOCIATION.

ANOKA CONFERENCE.

Anoka—Rev. A. E. Barnes, Mrs. Ella Thurston, Mrs. A. L. Baker, Mrs. H. E. Peck. *Cottage Grove*—Rev. J. L. Keene. *Elk River*—Rev. Geo. Hindley. *Excelsior*—Rev. G. A. Traut, Mary A. Huntington, R. B. McGrath, Mrs. R. B. McGrath. *Glencoe*—Rev. A. S. Dascomb, Mrs. A. S. Dascomb, Mrs. Minnie Albrecht. *Hutchinson*—Rev. E. L. Brooks, C. K. Goodnow, Mrs. Geo. Thom. *Minneapolis: First*—Rev. E. W. Shurtleff, Cyrus Northrop, Franklin Lyon, Jos. E. Ware, J. W. Perkins. *Plymouth*—Rev. L. H. Hallock, Rev. Geo. R. Merrill, D. P. Jones, George D. Holt, Mrs. Leavitt H. Hallock, Harrington Beard, H. Gordon Webster. *Park Avenue*—Rev. Clarence F. Swift, Frank H. Carleton, S. Howell Plummer, James B. Sutherland, Mrs. E. A. Tupper. *Pilgrim*—L. E. Jepson, Chas. W. Hayes, Mrs. C. W. Hayes. *Vine*—Rev. John S. Rood, Mrs. S. S. Sickles, Mrs. Puffer. *Open Door*—Rev. Ernest E. Day, Mrs. J. A. Donaldson, Mrs. Frank Hasty, Mrs. E. C. Weber. *Lyndale*—Rev. C. E. Burton, Rev. Moody A. Stevens, Mrs. E. P. Fullerton, Mrs. A. W. Latham, Mrs. C. H. Challen, Mrs. Waldo Foster, J. M. Norris. *Fifth Avenue*—Rev. J. E. Smith. *Lowry Hill*—Rev. Henry Holmes, James M. Rait, Mrs. J. M. Rait. *Oak Park*—Rev. Walter A. Snow, Mrs. E. J. A. Rice. *Forest Heights*—Rev. A. Murrman, Mrs. A. Murrman, F. F. Verrill, P. R. Hamilton. *Fremont Avenue*—Miss A M. Getchell, Mrs. M. J. Fieber, Mrs. F. Armstrong, Mrs. B. R. J. Thorpe. *First Scandinavian*—Rev. S. M. Andrewson. *Bethany*—Rev. M. B. Morris, Lydia

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REPORT OF THE GENERAL CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES.

To the Congregational Association of Minnesota:

In reviewing the work of this Jubilee Year we ought to appreciate the labors of faithful men and women who laid the foundations; the fervor, assurance, sound doctrine, missionary zeal, and optimism that characterized the earlier and intermediate years have given the church her triumph in beautiful Minnesota. As the first fifty years have been, so must all the years be. The first part of this report is based on the reports of the churches in their associate capacity at the Spring Conferences, and instead of dealing with minute particulars, it may be best for us to give the larger impressions of the survey. The keynote of all the reports is, CONFIDENCE and EXPECTATION. Some churches and groups of churches are just about even, as compared with a year ago, yet in other parts of the state there is a decided increase of interest and activity, and what I may be permitted to call a STIR. There have been instances of revivals of spiritual power with accessions that have greatly strengthened churches. There has been an ingathering of children into the church, and into classes under the pastors' special training and care. There has been an increasing study of the Word of God. There has been also a fair gain in church membership, with large, and in many instances, enlarged congregations, but the significant thing that stands out beyond all others is the stronger pulse and awakened spiritual energy of a large body of our churches. The real gain in any church, and of the state at large, is not so much in the number of additions as the evidence of a newly awakened life, the desire of the church to arise and shake herself and gird her loins for new enterprises. We might mention cases and localities where this indication is marked; the symptom means power. We are slowly working toward the ideal condition where every member of the church will bring faith, money, and service into loyal consecration to the church and her Master, and every church will bring her united force into the front rank of activity along great evangelical lines, and the support of our great denominational organizations. It is this higher general spiritual level that we point out first of all in these reports.

We think there is a fair degree of interest on the part of a number of our churches to have some honorable share in the great Forward Movement

in Foreign Missions. In this we are but keeping up with the procession of other denominations in their Forward Movements and Twentieth Century Funds. The church as the developing body through the living Spirit evolving new conditions, receiving commission to new enterprises, with the promise of new possibilities, is always facing a crisis, some new phase of the great problem appears, and it would seem that with the turn of the centuries the church had been awakened to the fact that God was expecting more of her in realizing the acceptance of the Gospel among peoples and nations that have been outside of seeming reach, than ever before; and that it is a physical possibility to preach the Gospel to the whole world in this generation. "The prospect is as bright as the promise." And in this connection I wish to refer to that which I have never done in these reports before; that is, to personally and officially bear testimony to the splendid work done by the women. This may be a tardy tribute, but a genuine one, and best of all, it is not only true of the past year, but it is true that for many years the best home missionary and foreign missionary work in our churches has been done through the agencies of the Women's Home Missionary and Foreign Missionary organizations. The church cannot be too grateful for, or appreciative of, this source of live missionary interest and benevolence; all honor to these consecrated sisters!

But turning from the larger interests in the Forward Movement of the denomination to the home, the emphasis just now is to be laid upon the strenthening of our Home Mission Churches. Some years ago there was an undue zeal to start new churches; many were organized in new communities with so small a constituency that they became burdens on the stronger ones, their existence was uncertain; they had to be nourished. Many of them are not out of babyhood yet; it is almost impossible to get reports from them. Forty or more such churches are on the roll, possibly in a few instances the points are strategic and are held in the hope that the expectations of the town may materialize, but wise supervision and warm Christian fellowship, with the infusion of rich blood, will be necessary to bring them to maturity. The new churches are scarce this year; the effort is rather economic; that is, to build up and strengthen what we have. Congregationalism does not for the next year need to enlarge her borders, but to strengthen her stakes. We think there is a real gain in the list of Home Missionary Churches that are seeking to come to self-support.

Another thing to be noticed is a matter of great satisfaction, that the old Gospel is being preached with a live interpretation; the old power is manifest in new methods. It was said to Israel, "Ye have not passed this way before." They were to turn northward; they had compassed the old mountain long enough. Not for the sake of traversing through new intellectual regions or treating sensational subjects, but to present a live message to men in real life is an effort to adjust the quality and style of preaching to the demands of the times and the methods of the church as well. There is evidence that our churches are awake to secure the best methods of teaching, of reaching the people, of saving the children, and forming plans for most effectively doing what the church is in the community for. Not at any time before, we think, have so many churches reported work in outlying stations as this year. The

church is trying in a loving, sincere and honest way to show her interest in the masses of the unchurched. We are not sure but there is to be a readjustment of forces with regard to time honored usages. The second service is up for solution in more than a score of strong, influential churches. The Salvation Army has been tried, Four O'clock Vesper Service has been tried, the Christian Endeavor Society has been tried with degrees of success according to local conditions, but no one church has yet told us what shall take the place of the departing Sunday evening sermon, not in the country or the small town alone, but in our city churches, churches of culture, churches with attractive preachers, churches that ought to have a crowd.

Wishing to obtain a more broad and personal impression of the work in the state than comes from the Conferences, I addressed a letter to various pastors and representative men as to the condition of their church, and of surrounding churches, which included spiritual conditions generally. From the extreme northwestern and northeastern parts of the state, along the wide reaching stretches of Congregationalism and with a large foreign population; that is to say, from Crookston to Duluth and the line south of them. The answer was: Our churches are steadily holding up a high standard, laying sure foundations, and successfully prosecuting their work. Through the central part, including the twin cities, there is a strong, vigorous spiritual life and gradual working out from under grievous burdens of debt thrown upon them in the haste to keep pace with the marvelous development of cities and towns, the opening of railroads, and planting of new churches. The work is in the secondary stage of completing the superstructure on these strong foundations. In the southern belt from Lake City to Rochester the response is more enthusiastic than for years; not material advance so much as spiritual, and what we have said of the condition of our own churches is indicative to a large degree of sister churches. It would not be possible to take a survey of the state without reference to Carleton College. The president says: "Concerning the college I can speak positively. While there has been no marked revival of interest, some conversions have occurred and many Christian students have experienced a quickening of spiritual life and have shown its effects both in character and Christian work. An unusually large number have engaged in voluntary Bible study. The daily and weekly prayer meetings have been well sustained. The atmosphere of the institution has been in every way favorable to religious growth, as well as intellectual activity." The Superintendent of Home Missions for the state writes: "There are two things that impress me most in the survey of the state: The first is the grateful fact that to a larger degree than usual our churches are supplied with pastors, and these men of a higher type of training and grade of usefulness than in some former years. The other is the evident longing for a deeper spiritual life, and a larger experience." The Superintendent of the Scandinavian Department says: "While the work among these churches is in the formative stage, with many conflicting influences, the field as a whole is in a better condition than ever before and presents some very encouraging aspects." We cannot close this summary which has dealt with broad impressions and general facts rather than in particulars, without expressing our

renewed confidence in the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and rejoicing in the presence of the illumining Spirit. The morning cometh.

These fifty years are not rolled up as a scroll, but embodied in the lives of Minnesota men and women whose influence flows along the great lines of commercial activity, of education, as well as religious life. Humbled at the sense of what God has wrought for us through weak human instrumentalities, we turn our faces, aglow as having seen the face of God, to the things that are before us. S. W. DICKINSON, Secretary.

FEDERATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETIES.

Overture to the National Council of 1901:

Dear Brethren.

Whereas, The present plan of administering our National Benevolent Societies seems to fall below the highest ideal of harmony, economy and efficiency, and the movement of the age is toward consolidation; and

Whereas, The condition of our treasuries, the needs of the fields and the apparent indifference of many who might be givers, all emphasize the importance of the best possible machinery to do this work.

Therefore, the Minnesota General Association requests the National Council to press the matter of Federation to a successful issue, according to their best judgment; and we beg to suggest for their consideration the following points:

1. The federation of all our Benevolent Societies under a Board of Advisors, who shall act as counselors and adjusters of mutual relations.

2. That with the advice and co-operation of this Board, under an able editor and manager, there shall be published a single, illustrated monthly missionary magazine, at moderate price, covering the entire field.

3. That two annual meetings be held, one in the interests of foreign and one of home missions, to alternate between the east and the west respectively.

Finally, while consolidation does not seem to us to be feasible, we do believe that a closer federation is desirable and would result in increased confidence, wise economy of administration, enlarged contributions, and a better adjustment of missionary fields, thus securing harmony and enthusiasm both in working and in giving.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your temperance committee would beg leave to submit the following report:

The past year has witnessed in our state a decided growth of public sentiment against the saloon. Evidence of this is found in nearly all parts of the state.

First, in a goodly number of large towns voting no license.

Second, in a stronger determination on the part of private citizens and public officials to enforce the laws forbidding the open saloon nights and Sundays, and the sale of liquor to minors.

Third, in the numerous and typical cases of conviction of liquor sellers for law violation by the justice and district courts.

Fourth, by the popular approval of the state Supreme Court decision upholding the celebrated Jones Anti-Wine Room Ordinance of the city of Minneapolis; and by the popular disapproval of the Supreme Court decision recently, which practically nullifies the value of the saloon keeper's bond, by which he is bound to obey the law.

Fifth, by the greatly increased number of local newspapers throughout the state taking strong ground against the liquor traffic.

We have observed a healthy and hopeful activity for total abstinence, and all branches of temperance work in the labors of the Good Templars, the W. C. T. U., the Scandinavian and Catholic total abstinence societies, and the Danish, German and other temperance organizations of the state.

To the persistent and effective labors of the Anti-Saloon League we wish to pay special notice. Mainly through the labors of the State League and its local branches, several members of the House of Representatives, as well as many county, village and city officers, loyal and aggressive against the liquor traffic, have been elected to office in Minnesota the past year. This League also, through its state officers, formulated and secured the passage of the new Sunday Closing Law and the law known as the Blind Pig Law, at the last session of the state legislature.

We earnestly recommend that pastors and churches throughout the entire state give more serious attention to temperance progress and work especially in the promotion of total abstinence and agitation, legislation and the earnest support of enforcement of our laws in relation to the saloon.

We recommend that this association, through its committees, give not less than a full hour in each annual meeting to the cause of temperance, in the presentation of papers, addresses and discussions suitable to the occasion.

We very earnestly recommend that Congregationalists with Christian people of all denominations in this state, note carefully the provisions for civic improvement, and the moral elevation of state, county and city government, made by the new Primary Election Law. Our competent Christian

men should now come forward with true patriotism and accept office, that in the discharge of public as well as private duty, they may help in the victorious struggle to banish from our state the iniquitous liquor traffic, and aid in the promotion of sobriety, uprightness and temperance in society.

We recommend the appointment of five delegates from this association to the National Convention of the American Anti-Saloon League, to be held in Washington, D. C., in December next.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. BATTEY,
JOHN A. EAKIN,
WILLIAM J. GRAY.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

IN MEMORIAM.

William McKinley, President of the United States of America, died Sept. 14th, 1901.

Standing as we do in the shadow of a sorrow so sudden and overwhelming as to stun us by its completeness; unable as yet to fully realize that one so loved and honored by God and man could have been snatched from us in such a way, we would bow in reverent submission to the will of Him who alone doeth all things well.

As members of this Association we desire to place on record our heartfelt appreciation of the high character of him who has been called to his eternal home; of his unimpeachable patriotism and the rare quality of his statesmanship; of his example as a friend, faithful to his fellow citizens from the humblest toiler in the shop to the highest official in the land; of his loving devotion to his wife; of the force and gentleness of his character as a man among his fellow men, and, above all, of the beautiful faith and tranquility manifested in his serene life and his Christ-like death.

To his beloved wife and to the near relatives, upon whom the blow has fallen with well nigh crushing force, we would tender that loving sympathy which fills every heart in this presence, but which words alone are inadequate to express. We may not hope to lighten the burden, but we may help them to carry it by our united prayers.

For ourselves and those whom we represent we would devoutly ask that not those present alone, but every loved one in our churches, and our homes may be enabled, through God's help, so to live that whenever and however the last call may come, both those to whom it comes and those who may be left behind for a little longer time may be able to say, as did he whom we so sadly mourn today. "It is God's way. His will not ours be done."

Whereas, In the providence and wisdom of God, the Right Rev. Bishop Whipple, of the diocese of Minnesota, has been removed by death from the leadership of his church and from a place of exceptionally long and useful service to the Christian world and to the Kingdom of God; and

Whereas, the death of Bishop Whipple, coming so closely after the loss of the lamented and respected Bishop Gilbert, intensifies this loss to the whole Episcopal body of the state; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That we tender to the bereaved family and friends our sincere sympathy in this hour of their sorrow, and pray that the God of all comfort may wipe away the tears and speak peace to their sorrowing hearts.

2. That we extend to our Christian friends of the Episcopal church, the hand of fellowship in a common sorrow and pray that our common Head of the Church may vouchsafe unto them His gracious presence and speedily endue others of His servants with like zeal and devotion to perpetuate the spirit and emulate the deeds of the eminent Bishop whose name is held in honorable remembrance by all and whose death is a common loss to humanity, as well as to the church of Christ.

Resolved, That this Association rejoices with the First Church of Minneapolis on this, the Jubilee anniversary of their organization, in their fifty years of honorable and fruitful work in the Kingdom of our Lord; that we are grateful to Almighty God, whose good hand has been upon them, enabling them to hold forth the word of life with fidelity and sincerity in this city, and that we pray that in the coming years they may be made yet richer in the blessed fruits of righteousness and in the manifest presence and power of God in the midst of them.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due to all who have contributed, even in the smallest degree, to the success of the Association, or to the well being of its members; to the pastor of this church, whose forethought, thought and afterthought, have left nothing undone that ought to have been done; to the business committee who have so wisely planned our program and so carefully attended to the carrying out of its details; to the unknown committee, whose work in assigning just men, not yet made perfect, to homes where they have been treated as if they were so made, is entitled to our warmest gratitude; to the young ladies who have so gracefully escorted us to our seats; to the organist and singers who have added the charms of music to our exercises; to the railroads who have so generously offered us favors we are not numerous enough to receive; to all those whose ministrations have been, like ozone, invisible yet essential to our welfare; to the families where we have broken bread; to the church itself, the mother of us all, who in this happy Jubilee of her own life, has so graciously received, and so lovingly entertained us, her children.

Resolved further, That the moderator of this Association be instructed to make known in his own words at the closing session of the Association the thanks thus due, to those who are entitled to them.

Whereas, it has been our privilege as an association of congregational churches to meet under the shadow of our State University, with one of her sons as our honored moderator, and to enjoy the fellowship, counsel, hospitality and active, kindly interest of her president in all our work; therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby express our appreciation of the spirit that so evidently dominates the administration of this great institution that is so largely molding the ideals and determining the lives and characters of the leaders in all walks of life throughout our state, and that we assure President Northrop of our sympathy and confidence in his conduct of this work of great privilege and great responsibility.

Whereas, A house divided against itself cannot stand; and

Whereas, The elements involved in the various interests represented upon the Association's program have this year tended slightly toward division; and,

Whereas, The work of the Woman's Societies, both Home and Foreign, ought to be recognized as an important and integral part of the work of our churches; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Business Committee for next year be, and hereby is, instructed to hold early and cordial consultation with the committees of the Woman's Societies as to their places upon the program, and as to the most convenient and, for all concerned, the most satisfactory, hours of the separate meetings.

Whereas, the Rev. S. W. Dickinson has found that his work in connection with the American Bible Society demands his whole time, and has therefore declined to continue longer in the office of Secretary of the Association; therefore,

Resolved, That this Association recognize the fidelity and efficiency with which for twelve years he has fulfilled the duties of his office, and that we hereby declare our appreciation of his painstaking and devoted service.

J. F. TAINTOR,
JOHN M. NORRIS,
WILLIAM J. GRAY,
Committee.

JUBILEE SERVICES

OF THE

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MINNESOTA.

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 18th, 1901.

PRAYER AND HISTORY.

INVOCATION.

(All Joining)

Almighty God, as we meet here in reverent remembrance of past years, and with hearts full of thanksgiving, we pray Thee listen unto the voice of our praise and unto the petition which we make for the continuance of Thy favor.

We give Thee thanks for all Thy benefits, for blessings temporal and eternal; for the unceasing patience and the unfailing light of the Angel of Thy Presence; for the strength of the Almighty Arm in seasons of our weakness; for the ministry of Thy servants who have taught us according to Thy Holy Word; for the pardoning grace of Thy Redemption. We thank Thee for spiritual prosperity which has lifted us into heavenly places in Christ Jesus, and for the suffering and affliction which by their chastening fires have made us the richer and purer in heavenly treasure.

We thank Thee for for all the hallowed associations of the past; for beloved voices now silent, except in memory, and beloved faces now unseen except by the eye of faith as it looks into Thy courts above.

Forgive us our sins and abide with us we pray Thee. Consecrate us anew to Thy service. Lead us by Thy Holy Spirit. Keep us sound in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ and loyal to his command in our love towards all men. Whether we bear the cross, or

wear the crown, may it be to Thine own glory, and having finished the course and kept the faith, receive this Thy people at last, through the Gates and into the Heavenly City of Thy promise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HISTORY.

"Walk about Zion, and go round about her; tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following."—Ps. 48:12-13.

The First Congregational Church of Minnesota was organized November 16, 1851, in St. Anthony, now East Minneapolis.

Rev. Charles Seccombe, of St. Anthony, and Rev. Richard Hall, of Point Douglas, conducted the services. Articles of Faith and a Covenant were accepted and entered into by twelve persons, of whom eleven presented letters of dismission from other churches, and one united on profession. Mr. Seccombe, a missionary of the American Home Missionary Society, took charge of the young organization. This was the first Congregational Church organized in the Territory, seven years before the State of Minnesota was admitted to the Union.

In the following year, 1852, the Church formed a union with the First Presbyterian Church of St. Anthony, but this arrangement, failing to accomplish the object for which it was made, was abandoned July 28, 1853.

The Church received yearly aid from the American Home Missionary Society during the first fifteen years of its existence, since which time it has been self-supporting. Rev. Charles Seccombe, the first pastor, was installed July 30, 1854, and served the Church until June 10, 1866.

In August of the same year Rev. Orlando Clark assumed the care of the Church, and remained until August 15, 1867. From September 28, 1867, to May, 1868, Rev. Jay Clizbe ministered to the Church. He was succeeded in June, 1868, by Rev. Gabriel Campbell, who was ordained by Council, on the invitation of the Church, October 27, and served as acting pastor until June, 1869.

MRS. LUTHER G. JOHNSON.

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From July to December, 1869, there was no regular supply for the pulpit.

Rev. Egbert B. Bingham next ministered as acting pastor from December 7, 1869, until August, 1870, when ill health compelled him to resign, although he was requested to remain another year. The same month, the Rev. James Tompkins was invited to supply the pulpit for one year, and, subsequently, July 11, 1871, to become pastor. The call to become pastor was renewed March 26, 1872, but declined by Mr. Tompkins, although he continued as acting pastor until May 15, 1872. From this date until February, 1873, there was an interval during which the Church was without even an acting pastor.

On the 11th of February, 1873, Rev. George M. Landon was invited to become pastor. He accepted the call, and, though not installed, served the Church as pastor-elect until May, 1875.

In the same month an invitation was extended to Rev. Edward M. Williams to supply the pulpit for six Sabbaths from the 1st of June, with reference to a settlement. On the 6th of July Mr. Williams received a call to the pastorate, which he accepted. The installation services took place November 16th, 1876, the sermon being preached by Prof. Franklin W. Fisk, of Chicago.

Long continued ill health compelled Mr. Williams to offer his resignation of the pastorate January 8, 1881, which, after a spirited resistance, the Church was compelled to accept. A council called to review the action taken, convened and performed its duty February 14 of the same year.

A year and a day following that council, a call to the pastorate of the Church was extended to Rev. John L. Scudder, of Shrewsbury, Mass. He accepted the call, and on the 5th of April, 1882, was installed. Rev. Henry Martyn Scudder, D. D., father of the new pastor, preached the installation sermon.

Rev. J. L. Scudder severed his connection with the Church May 1, 1886, to accept a call to the Tabernacle Congregational Church in Jersey City, N. J. On the Sunday following, the Church building and contents were destroyed by fire. The Trustees at once purchased a large building on the corner of Fifth street and Elev-

enth avenue southeast, and in this house the Church lived and flourished for fourteen months, in the midst of what was practically a new field.

December 6, 1886, Rev. George R. Merrill, who had been called from Painesville, Ohio, was installed as pastor. During his pastorate the new Church building, on the corner of Fifth street and Eighth avenue southeast was dedicated to the worship of God, March, 1887. June 1, 1898, Dr. Merrill removed to the pastorate of the Leavitt Street Congregational Church in Chicago, Ill.

In January, 1899, Rev. Ernest W. Shurtleff, who came from the Church of the Pilgrimage, Plymouth, Mass., was called to the pastorate, having supplied the pulpit since September, 1898. He accepted the call and is the present pastor.

"Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone."
—Eph. 2:20.

REV. L. H. COBB, D. D.

REV. GEORGE A. HOOD.

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THE MINNESOTA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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CONSTITUTION.

Article 1.—This Society shall be called "The Minnesota Home Missionary Society."

Art. 2.—The Society shall consist of Congregational and Union Churches in Minnesota, contributing not less than one dollar annually to the treasury of the Congregational Home Missionary Society, who shall be represented in the meetings of this Society by the pastor and one delegate each; and of such other persons as shall be constituted members, by the payment by themselves or others, of twenty-five dollars at one time to the treasury.

Art. 3.—The object of this Society shall be to aid, and co-operate with, the Congregational Home Missionary Society in its work in the state of Minnesota.

At this writing but three fields are known to be without pastors, and they are likely to be supplied before the report is presented. The greatest difficulty in securing the sort of men needed in our work for a sufficient length of time to have their ministries of value, is in the insufficient salaries that can be offered even when supplemented by the aid of the Society. If the churches and the Society could agree to make the minimum Home Missionary salary $700 and parsonage, our problem, for the older portion of the State, would be nearer its solution.

It is pleasant to report that fewer pastoral changes than usual have taken place among the aided churches. If the prompt payment of the salary that is promised could become the rule, the effort for permanency would be greatly strengthened.

While no marked religious revival is to be reported, the Narrative of the Churches as given to the Association, shows that the aided churches have shared with others in securing freedom from old debts and in their zeal in beautifying and improving the sanctuary, and have equaled, if not exceeded, their neighbors in their proportion of additions upon confession.

The demand for the service of the General Missionaries, Messrs. Fellows and Lyons, has been constant and fully up to their ability to respond, and everywhere their labors have been acceptable and have been attended with a good measure of success.

The year has been specially noteworthy in the wise and zealous participation in the work of the different Home Missionary Conference Committees and the greatly quickened interest of the pastors and the stronger churches of the State. It is due largely to these that the effort for the Diamond Jubilee of the parent Society proved successful, and our contributions, outside of legacies, reached forty-five dollars above fifty per cent of the amount scheduled to be expended in the state.

On the whole, the Directors regard the last year as one of the most satisfactory in the history of the Society. And while, as will appear in other statements to be made at this meeting, there is waiting for us, in the Northern part of the State, a larger and more difficult missionary work than has yet been attempted, and while the situation of the National Society and the growing demands of the Eastern States as Home Missionary fields, forbid us to expect any considerable increase in aid from without, we are encouraged by the spirit that is manifest among us, and the increasing ability and prosperity of our people, to expect that what the clear providence of God has put upon us as our special Twentieth Century work for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ will be pursued with consecrated energy and success.

We desire to record our appreciation of the notably full monthly reports of the Superintendent, by which the Directors are enabled not only to keep in touch with his labors, but also to maintain a more intelligent and sympathetic interest in the various fields to which the Society ministers.

There have been three changes in the membership of the Board of Directors since the last meeting.

Hon. Robert D. Russell, of Minneapolis, a wise counsellor, a genial and generous associate, has been removed by death. Mr. J. F. Jackson, of St.

Paul, has removed to New York. Hon. C. W. Hackett, of St. Paul, has felt obliged to sever his connection with the Board.

At the last annual meeting it was directed that the Constitution of the Society be printed in the Minutes, with indications, by enclosure in brackets, of the portions of it deemed inconsistent with the actual relations of this Society with the Congregational Home Missionary Society. As those having in charge the publication of the Minutes failed to do this, we recommend:

That in the Minutes of the present session the Constitution be printed, as conformed by the revision of the Directors to our relation to the National Society.

The Directors have received official notice of the action of the Northern Pacific Conference, urging more vigorous prosecution of our work in the rapidly developing northern part of the State. The needs of this region have been continually before the Board during the year, and correspondence has been had with the New York office concerning it by the Superintendent. The debt of the Society has been an insuperable obstacle to new work, here as elsewhere. With its removal, it is expected that favorable consideration will be given by the Executive Committee to our urgency concerning the opportunity in Minnesota.

The occasion on which we gather, marking the completion of the first half-century of organized Congregational work in Minnesota, calls for that grateful survey of the past and that hopeful outlook into the future which will characterize this meeting.

In harmony with the occasion, the Directors present and move the adoption of the following Resolutions, which, in substance, have already been adopted at the various meetings of the Local Associations:

THE RESOLUTIONS.

The Congregational Churches of Minnesota, gathered in annual session at the Falls of St. Anthony, reviewing with devout gratitude to Almighty God the Half Century, now closing, of Home Missionary Work in Minnesota, do hereby resolve:

I. That our grateful appreciation be recorded of the generous and unfailing assistance extended through the Congregational Home Missionary Society, to the people and Churches of Minnesota, in their struggle with the difficulties that attend the establishment of the institutions of religion in a new country.

II. That we have learned with much satisfaction of the substantial increase in the Home Missionary offerings from our Churches in the year just closed. We congratulate one another on the success of our effort "to put one Minnesota dollar by the side of every dollar from without," and thus to meet fifty per cent. of the whole expense of Missionary work within the State.

III. That we are heartily in favor of "The Forward Movement," with its purpose to open our second Half Century with the gathering, through all the agencies of the Churches, in the year ending March 31, 1902, of Ten Thousand

Dollars, which will be seventy-five cents of each dollar that will be expended in the State.

IV. That we pledge co-operation, as individuals, and through our Churches, Woman's Missionary Societies, Sunday Schools, and Endeavor Societies, in the endeavor to secure the special sums suggested by The Forward Movement Committee, as sufficient, on our part, to realize the whole amount desired.

JUBILEE ADDRESSES.

Rev. Richard Hall, the survivor of the two pioneer Congregational Home Missionaries, and the first Superintendent, made an address on "The Beginnings in Minnesota." Rev. C. S. Harrison, one of the early workers in the State, spoke on "Pioneer Work in Central Minnesota." Miss Catherine W. Nichols, President of the Woman's Home Missionary Union, read a paper on "Women's Work in Home Missions." Rev. S. V. S. Fisher, Superintendent for the Congregational Home Missionary Society of Scandinavian Work, made an address on "Foreign Work in Minnesota." Rev. L. H. Cobb, D. D., formerly Superintendent for the State, spoke of the Home Missionary Work in the half-century just closed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ADDRESS.

Rev. George R. Merrill, D. D., Superintendent for the State, presented his annual address as follows:

The story of Home Missions is the story of the making of the Nation. The as yet incomplete product of Home Missions is a land where light passes from College-tower to College-tower; where freedom is vital breath; and whose soil bred millions of heroes.

The Minnesota chapter in that story is by no means the least interesting.

In 1832 the United States Government sent a deputation to confer with the Indians of the Northwest. Among the Commissioners was Rev. W. T. Boutwell, who remained among the Indians, and who began the first English Missionary work in Minnesota.

In 1834 the Brothers Pond came to Fort Snelling, and the log cabin they built at Lake Calhoun became the home of the first citizens of Minnesota, and the first school-room of its future citizenship.

In 1835 their work was taken under the care of the American Board, and re-enforced by several missionary families; from five of these Foreign Missionary families, and eight soldiers, the first Protestant church in the region was organized, assuming the Presbyterian form, and is now continued in the First Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis. So that the first English Mis-

sionary work in our state was done, and the first church gathered and supported, as Foreign Missionary enterprise, by our own American Board.

In 1847 Rev. Mr. Boutwell was at Stillwater—"a little village sprung up like a gourd, but whether to perish as soon, God only knows"—"Eighteen miles west is St. Paul's, one of the strongholds of Romanism. * * * Seven miles by land up, is the Falls of St. Anthony, where gentlemen from the East are investing capital in a large lumber concern. The water-power will give this point preference over all others in this region. These are so contiguous that one man could for the present occupy both places." There is an Episcopal clergyman at Stillwater, "but that mode of worship not being so well adapted to this people, some are compelled to admit that they attend church with reluctance."

There was no preaching from the Falls of the St. Croix to the Falls of St. Anthony amongst 2,000 people.

Later in the same year an Agent of the American Home Missionary Society, sent to investigate the region, reports that "it is beginning to attract attention, and affords inducements that will ensure the rush of adventurers for years. St. Paul's is a French village, which is beginning to excite notice." With true prophetic insight he foresees that from the relative positions, it "promises to be an Albany, when St. Anthony becomes a Lowell." He is very urgent that a missionary should at once be sent forward. He is sure of the future of this region. In prophetic vision he sees, "the herds of buffalo and the Indians retire; the schoolhouses and the churches advance; iron roads shall bind the remotest towns together; villages shall resound with daily toil and intercourse. So this portion of our planet also, shall bear its appropriate part, a harvest of intelligent happiness and of humble devotion to the praises of Him who hath made all things for Himself."

On account of the more pressing needs of California and Oregon, it was not till 1849 that the appeal was answered, and Rev. E. D. Neill, whose long life was spent in Minnesota, in closest identification with its religious and educational life, was designated to St. Paul, and Rev. J. C. Whitney, better known, in later years, as Capt. Whitney, to Stillwater.

He found that place "of fresh and vigorous appearance, youthful and robust." To Dr. Neill, St. Paul "shows as yet little more than a charming site, to which the rush of emigrants and its importance as the seat of government will soon add the embellishment of public and private edifices. You cannot walk out, but you meet with some Dakota Indian with his pipe, and with his blanket draped gracefully around him." The same year a lecture-room was erected for Mr. Neill, mainly by the gifts of the First Presbyterian church in Philadelphia, and was the first Protestant sanctuary on the Mississippi, north of Dubuque. In December of that year the first Protestant Church of St. Paul was organized, by the missionary of the American Home Missionary Society, out of two Presbyterians from Wisconsin, two Congregationalists from Ohio, one Presbyterian from Illinois, one Presbyterian from Michigan, one Congregationalist from New York.

As the missionary was a Presbyterian, and four out of the seven members also, the church became the First Presbyterian Church in St. Paul. The

same month, and under similar conditions, the First Presbyterian Church in Stillwater was organized. From these, as mother-churches, all the strength and increase of the Presbyterian Way in the state, has been derived, and they look with gratitude, as do we, to the American Home Missionary Society, the Mother of us all.

Dr. Neill preached occasionally for the church at the Fort, and at St. Anthony, of which latter he writes: "There is quite a church-going population, and the proprietors allow no one to settle who does not promise not to sell liquor."

It is something more than an interesting coincidence, that the institutions of religion should have gotten firm root for themselves at the very beginning of the organized life of Minnesota. It was a part of that Divine order, which securing the Northwest for freedom and faith, made sure the future of the nation that was to be. We who know for what these Home Missionary Churches stood, are not surprised at the serious tone, and the high ideals that marked the gathering of the first Territorial Legislature. We are not surprised, for instance, that its Committee on Schools, planning so broadly, and so far in advance of their time, for an intelligent citizenship, should say, "Morality and religion should be regarded as the most essential elements of education, and should hold their due pre-eminence in every institution of learning." They advised that for the new commonwealth, all plans should be based on the principle that "man should be educated for eternity," and declared that no system of education would do for Minnesota that did not "view man in the light of his relation to the universe at large and to an immortal state of existence."

In 1850 the first Minnesota contribution to Home Missions was forwarded to New York, the significant earnest, so soon, of the future: From the St. Paul church, $45; from Fort Snelling, $65; legacy, $500.

That year the St. Paul chapel was burned, but only to be rebuilt by eastern aid in larger and more convenient shape. In the new tower the bell was hung, at 9 o'clock of an April evening, and was heard "six miles away, with much trembling and astonishment by the painted Dacotas encamped on the opposite bank of the river."

The work had grown beyond the strength of the workers, and in June, 1850, Richard Hall and Charles Seccombe, who had been for nine years classmates in Academy, College and Seminary, and were sharers in a common consecration, were commissioned by the American Home Missionary Society for work in the Territory of Minnesota, were ordained at Ipswich, N. H., Sept. 8; President Lord, of Dartmouth College, preaching the sermon, and came at once to their fields. Father Hall took for himself "the sparsely settled field for itinerant work at the mouth of the St. Croix," locating at Point Douglass, and Father Seccombe came on to the Falls of St. Anthony.

The American Home Missionary Society had for its object to bring and hold together America and Christ; it had no special care of sect. It said at the beginning, "The great object is the christianizing of the American people. It is of very little consequence whether one corner of the Christian fold has more of the sheep than the other."

The Society showed the simplicity of its aim, and its catholicity and breadth, by commissioning any men of evangelical purpose who were trained and vouched for, and in assuming no control whatever over their ecclesiastical relations or those of the churches that they gathered.

The missionaries in Minnesota in 1850, good and true men as they were, were men of the time, and not in advance of the time, as was the Society. Like the many, they were unable to discriminate between the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ and the increase of their own denominational order.

So, very honestly, they viewed with alarm the announced coming into the state of these New England men, who were of the Congregational Way. And being men who had the courage of their convictions, by some very astute ecclesiastical strategy, they so wrought, while Father Seccombe was on his way, that when he reached this place, he found not only a somewhat hastily improvised Presbyterian church, of which he was expected to take pastoral charge, which he did not mind, but keeping guard over it, a still more hastily improvised "Presbytery of Minnesota," which refused to allow him to occupy the church, save as he left his freedom at the door; which he did mind.

Father Seccombe was an exceedingly meek man, but was not easily driven, and his inertia, when he knew he was right, was very near that of an immovable object. He sought in many ways for a peaceable arrangement, and would do anything for it, except submit to ecclesiastical despotism. He was willing to remove to another place, but the Home Missionary Society thought the principle was involved, whether its funds, given to Christianize the West, were to be diverted to sectarian uses. And so, for some months there was anything but peace and love at the Falls of St. Anthony, and the world had good chance to say, "See how those Christians hate one another."

At length, in November, 1851, finding it impossible to comprehend the existing organization in a church of the town, he and those who had declined to be used in the previous movement, were gathered into the "First Congregational Church in St. Anthony" and the distinctive organized work of the churches of the Congregational Way was begun.

For six years Father Hall's work was in the region around the mouth of the St. Croix. Regular preaching was established at Point Douglas and Cottage Grove, and at Prescott, on the Wisconsin side. Occasionally services were held at Woodbury, Afton and Lakeland on the Minnesota side, and at River Falls, Clifton and Big River on the Wisconsin side.

In 1854 Minnesota appears for the first time in the Society's Annual Report as one of the principal missionary fields. There were then ten missionaries under commission; the work of the American Board had been transferred; one church had come to self-support; Anoka was the extreme border of civilization the previous year, but in this year, a church had been gathered at Sauk Rapids, on the extreme frontier.

At St. Anthony, where Father Seccombe had "an intelligent New England audience, with more liberally educated and professional men than New England audiences generally," a meeting house to cost, with land and bell, three thousand dollars, had been paid for within three hundred dollars. The Missionary preached from Haggai 1:8 and raised fifty dollars. He arranged

for the lumber on his own responsibility, and agreed for a basement ten feet high. The money came "somehow," as he quaintly records, and there they stopped for the winter. A plan of the church-floor was made and "slips" were sold; an added impulse was given by the burning of their temporary home, and on Feb. 16, 1853, they came under their own roof with praise, and finishing, as they were able, dedicated the building Feb. 15, 1854.

In 1853 the frontier had moved to Belle Prairie, where the missionary had found seventeen Congregationalists, four Methodists, and "one praying man." In this year the representative of an Eastern Baptist newspaper, who had been exploring, gives a suggestion of the material from which Minnesota was being builded. He has been in Faribault, and finds that the people are "the cream of New England," and that even those among them who are not religious, are imperative in their demand for an educated ministry.

In June, 1856, the growing work was evidently in need of supervision, and Father Hall was called from his pastorate to be the first Home Missionary Superintendent. He writes, "It was before the days of railways, and my journeys had to be performed wholly with my own horse (an historic animal), in tours of 300 to 500 miles, and absences from home of from two to four weeks. At first it was chiefly an exploring work, taking me to all the newer and frontier portions of the state, to ascertain the religious condition of the new settlements, look up the scattered members of the Congregational churches, advise and assist them about organizing churches, learn the disposition and ability of the people to support a minister of the Gospel among them, inform them what amount of missionary aid they could probably expect, and look up missionaries and direct them to the opening fields. When I commenced the Superintendency there were twenty Congregational churches in Minnesota and two in Wisconsin, which at the first meeting of the General Association, held in St. Anthony, Oct. 21-25, 1856, were enrolled as members. At the time of the second annual meeting at Prescott, Wis., ten more churches had been organized in Minnesota and one in Wisconsin; at the third annual meeting at Faribault we numbered more than forty churches."

In the first decade the foundations were well laid. With one or two striking exceptions, the points that were to prove strategic in the occupation of this fair domain for our Lord were held, and such churches as Winona, Rochester, Northfield, Faribault, Owatonna and Austin, with their splendid contribution to the life of the state, are the witness that Home Missionary work in the southern part of Minnesota has been worth while.

The second decade was opened with the civil war and the Indian outbreak. One in every ten Minnesota men went into the army. In the forefront of gallant men whom we delight to hold in remembrance, were such a proportion of the membership of our churches, moved by such inspiration of our pastors, as showed in no uncertain way the organic relation between our free system of church-life and an intelligent patriotism.

At the close of the war, with the phenomenal increase of population, the opportunity and demand for Home Missionary work made the last five years of the decade memorable. In 1870 among our 400,000 people, there had been gathered 73 churches, with many more in the formative process. Among

these were the now strong and self-supporting churches at Plainview, Alexandria, Fairmont, Park Avenue in Minneapolis, Waseca, Glenwood and Hutchinson.

During this period Carleton College was founded; the own child of Home Missions; planned by Home Missionaries, and planted by the prayers and small but self-sacrificing gifts of Home Missionaries and Home Missionary churches.

In the third decade, in which the population rose to 800,000, the churches multiplied under Home Missionary superintendence to 130, including such as Duluth, Brainerd and Glyndon to the north, and Worthington, Marshall, Montevideo, Morris and Ortonville to the west. Of this most remarkable period in our work Dr. L. H. Cobb is the honored exponent and representative.

The fourth decade was marked by the special attention given to work in the cities, in which, mainly, the eighty new churches of the period were gathered, and the inauguration of the Scandinavian work, which has since grown to a Department of the national work, through the courage and energy of Superintendent Montgomery, and the beginning of aggressive Sunday School work, to which under the efficient leadership of Rev. R. P. Herrick, there was an immediate response, which resulted, in less than three years, in the doubling our Sunday School enrollment.

The closing decade of the half-century is too near to us to make our estimate of its work altogether unbiased.

During nearly all of it, as in a part of the previous period, the work was under the supervision of Dr. John H. Morley, who was recognized as foremost among men in the service, for strength and energy of administration.

It is certainly to be said of this period, as of all the years since 1860, that our work has gone on with the amazing development of our state, and has in some fair measure kept abreast of it.

What was at the first a work of Christian fellowship, prompted by sympathy with those who had been brought up in the simplicity and freedom of our Way, and were homesick and lost, when compelled to become parts of highly organized ecclesiastical machinery, became something more and different, when the immigration ceased to be of our sort, from New England, and became of all sorts and conditions of men, from everywhere. Then the advantage of the New Testament Way of church life became apparent, as affording a platform on which people of varied nationalities and denominational preferences, could come together, as the one church of Christ in the community, without humiliating denial of former grace enjoyed, or the assumption of positions that offended their consciences.

On this account a larger pioneer work has fallen to us in Minnesota than in perhaps any other state, with the blessing of such work, and its inevitable risks.

The 257 churches that make our fellowship, after fifty years, are scarcely more than half of the number gathered in our work. Some have finished their course, and glorified the Lord in their dying. Some were organized as Presbyterian churches under the old Plan of Union. A larger number, brought together at the first under our polity, because only so could they have any

religious work in the community, as numbers increased, have applied the lessons of liberty they have learned, and either resolved themselves into their original forms, or for convenience of support, or fellowship, allied themselves with Christians of other names who held their names so essential a part of the Gospel as to be too sacred to be surrendered, a position in which no good Congregationalist could ever be found.

From Cass Lake southward, under the statesmanlike guidance of the men to whom it has been entrusted, and with the generous financial support of the Society, representing an outlay of over $800,000, the work has been put in, with remarkably few exceptions, where, if we have any "Gospel for the Day," it can be heard, any special and peculiar light to lift aloft, it can be seen.

The impartial historian must record that in the marvelous development of the state in these fifty years, men and women, trained in these Home Missionary churches, have had a part inferior to none; that the great ideals for which these churches of ours stand, have ingrained themselves into the common life of the state, and are the marks of its progress and eminence.

And now what of the future?

Hitherto our work has been supported from the East, drawing thence its capital, as every other business and institution has done. But just as the Minnesota of the twentieth century is beginning to stand on her own feet in manufacturing and education, she must be learning to do, in her religious work. Until last year we had furnished, for the whole period, only twenty-five per cent of our working capital. In the year closing March 31 last, with a readiness and cheerfulness that have been a surprise, even to me, with my optimistic faith in the churches, we have raised the percentage to fifty for that year. Evidently we cannot stop with that. If we were so poor-spirited as to be willing to do it, we cannot. The East has its own growing problems. Its increasing foreign population, the constant weakening of the once strong country and village churches of New England, by the tides that carry youth and strength to the cities, demand that an increased proportion of the lessening amounts raised in the East for Home Missions, be expended on the ground.

In its meeting last February the Apportionment Committee, which consists of the Directors of the Minnesota Home Missionary Society and the Chairman of each of the Conference Committees, and so represents the whole state, gave serious and earnest consideration to this matter. It was their unanimous conclusion, that taking into account the situation and the opportunity, we ought to plan on an advance to seventy-five per cent of the expense of our own work, and that the mark should be set at Ten Thousand Dollars from Churches, Woman's Societies, Sunday Schools, Endeavor Societies and individuals for this year. To make the movement as concrete as possible, a Forward Movement Committee was appointed to break up the whole amount into manageable sums, and suggest them to the churches. The body was too thoroughly a Congregational one to think of making any "assessment," and to some of its members an "'apportionment" savors too much of authority. All the Committee did, was to suggest to each church the amount, which, if it were willing to attempt, would in the judgment of the Committee, make the whole movement a success. Already the response has been general and

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hearty. While the Committee lacked infallibility, and so may have been beside the mark in some of its suggestions, on the whole, they have been welcomed, more than one church volunteering a pledge of a larger amount than had been suggested.

If this body shall give its cordial endorsement to the Resolutions presented by the Directors, there is very little question that by our hearty and united effort we shall attain the mark.

For what is the money needed? What is the work, which after fifty years, calls still for fourteen thousand dollars of Home Missionary aid.

That amount is presented, not as by any means what could be wisely expended by us in Minnesota, but as the amount now used, the minimum with which our work can be done, and the maximum of appropriation, which under all the conditions, the National Society is likely to make for us.

Of the 63 fields in the schedule of this year, 30 are in the cities or south of them; 13 between the cities and Brainerd; north of Brainerd, 20.

In these latter there can be no diminution of aid without the cessation of the work entirely. Indeed, if it were possible to add to the appropriation to each field, in this region of expensive living and exhaustive work, enough to bring the minimum salary to $700 and parsonage, it would, I am sure, be a wise economy of expenditure. In the 43 fields south of Brainerd, there will be a decrease in the amounts asked for next year by several churches. Four or five will make a heroic effort to go alone, with the result, that if, by raising ten thousand ourselves, we can keep the whole appropriation at Fourteen Thousand, we shall have from seven to eight hundred dollars, (by keeping the office and traveling expense, as in the last year, within five hundred dollars), to expend upon the great and inviting field that opens to us in the region north of Cass Lake. There is our Home Missionary field for years to come; vast regions of unexampled fertility and resource; into which thousands of settlers have already come and to which other thousands are hastening; into which already the railroads are penetrating; whose promises are alluring an immigration more homogeneous than that into the central portion of the state; where as yet no institutions of religion have been planted.

Seven Hundred Dollars is a trifling sum with which to plan the conquest of an empire for Jesus Christ. Yet if we can have it we may make some good beginnings; another year will see more of the older churches moved to new consecration and sacrifice, to pass on to those more needy, the aid which they have enjoyed in their time of extreme feebleness, and we shall be able to extend the work as occasion offers. But now, our opportunity and our duty, are alike clear, and we are well able to seize the one, and perform the other.

At the close of the Jubilee Addresses, the resolutions already presented by the Directors were supported in an address by Rev. E. B. Chase, and unanimously adopted.

BUSINESS.

The Committee on Nominations made their report, and, on motion, the Secretary was directed to cast the vote of the Society

for the nominees reported by them, and they were declared elected. (See list at the head of the Minutes.)

The recommendation of the Directors that the Constitution of the Society, so revised as to conform to our actual relation with the Congregational Home Missionary Society, be printed in the Minutes of this session, was adopted.

The Society listened to representations of the great and pressing needs of the opening northern portions of the State by Hon. George E. Perley, Rev. F. H. Oehler and Rev. Allen Clark, representing the Northern Pacific Conference.

Adjourned.

J. E. INGHAM,
Scribe.

E. E. DAY,
Assistant Scribe.

LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE MINNESOTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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Fields where names are in SMALL CAPITALS are those that have intimated a purpose to become self-supporting.

FIELD.	MINISTER.	MONTHS.	AMOUNT.
Aitkin	Geo. A. Wickwire	12	$150.00
	W. E. Griffith	2	20.00
Akeley	C. H. Davis	3	129.70
	A. A. Thom	2	30.00
	E. S. Darling	3	30.00
APPLETON	A. S. Heathcote	12	50.00
Arlington	A. G. Graves	5.5	63.30
Bagley—Shevlin—Solway	C. F. Bloomquist	12	240.00
Bertha—Clarissa	W. J. Williams	3	26.44
	W. J. Conard	2	30.00
	J. Peters	12	175.00
Big Lake—Orrock	W. M. Jenkins	12	90.00
Biwabik	Frank A. Bown	12	200.00
Burtrum—Gray Eagle—Pillsbury	E. E. Cram	12	175.00
Brainerd—Peoples	Allen Clark	6	116.66
		12	250.00
Carlos, &c	F. P. Ferguson	3	50.00
Ceylon—Center Chain	H. O. Judd	12	150.00

FIELD.	MINISTER.	MONTHS.	AMOUNT.
Cass Lake	F. N. Smith	1.5	37.50
		12	300.00
Clearwater—Hasty	R. Watt	2.5	18.75
		12	90.00
Dexter—Rose Creek	Paul Winter	12	100.00
DETROIT	E. L. Brooks	12	90.00
Duluth—Morley	J. H. B. Smith	12	300.00
Dawson	R. S. Cross	12	125.00
Edgerton—Chandler	P. H. Fisk	12	100.00
ELLSWORTH	W. R. MacLane	12	100.00
		12	100.00
Fertile—Mentor—Maple Bay	C. W. Greenlee	3	57.10
		12	150.00
Graceville	A. D. Smith	12	125.00
Grand Meadow	B. James	12	150.00
Granite Falls—Sacred Heart	James Earl	12	170.00
GROVELAND	S. T. Show	12	95.00
Granada	A. F. C. Kirchner	4	40.00
	C. E. Ryberg	4	45.00
Garvin—Custer	C. A. Ruddock	12	100.00
HANCOCK	C. W. Duncan	12	100.00
Halstdad	J. M. Bieler	2	57.83
Hopkins	J. B. Richardson	12	225.00
Kragness	D. G. Colp	12	75.00
Lake Stay	C. Culver	2.5	25.00
Lake Park	A. A. Thom	3	45.00
		12	150.00
Lamberton	Arthur Davies	2	25.00
		42	115.00
Lake Benton	M. J. P. Thing	12	100.00
MONTICELLO	C. W. Greenlee	3	25.00
Mazeppa—Zumbro Falls	J. L. Nott	12	125.00
MADISON	J. L. Jones	12	115.00
McIntosh—Fosston	Marion Darling	6	100.00
Marietta—Nassau	J. L. Martin	12	125.00
Minneapolis, Bethany	M. B. Morris	6	112.50
		12	200.00
" Oak Park	W. A. Deering	1	22.90
	W. A. Snow	12	250.00
" 38th Street	W. A. Wilkinson	12	200.00
New Brighton	C. L. Bingham	3	45.00
North Branch—Sunrise	O. W. Roberts	12	150.00
NEW RICHLAND	H. W. Johnson	12	100.00
Park Rapids	C. Wyatt	1.25	50.00
	A. Bond	12	300.00

FIELD.	MINISTER.	MONTHS.	AMOUNT.
Pelican Rapids	D. E. Wilson	12	125.00
Round Prairie	J. F. Locke	12	75.00
St. Paul, University Ave	R. Moore	12	100.00
" Forest Street	H. W. Parsons	3	50.00
" S. & Hazel Parks	H. A. Risser	6	217.49
Springfield—Selma	B. Iorns	12	150.00
Swanville	I. N. English	6	25.00
STEWARTVILLE	R. G. Jones	12	80.00
Sauk Rapids—Cable	C. J. Swain	12	200.00
	C. F. Reed	4	41.66
Sacred Heart	L. H. Austin	3.5	111.91
Shevlin	J. M. Beiler	3	88.98
Ulen—Twin Valley	F. H. Bassett	12	100.00
Verndale	F. R. Bush	4	45.49
Walnut Grove—Revere	J. W. Danford	12	100.00
Winthrop—Gibbon	R. S. Cross	2	25.00
	Geo. A. Wickwire	12	110.00
Walker	George Michael	12	200.00
Winona, Second	E. W. Janney	2	50.00
		12	260.00
General Missionaries	C. B. Fellows	12	800.00
	E. C. Lyons (½)	12	300.00

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

MINNESOTA WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

The twenty-ninth annual meeting of the Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Union was convened in the First Congregational Church, Minneapolis, at 2:30 p. m., Tuesday, Sept. 17, 1901.

The President, Miss C. W. Nichols, presided and led the devotional exercises.

The Reports of the Officers were read in the following order:

Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. M. Bristoll.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. R. Shepard.

Secretary Young People's Work, Mrs. B. W. Smith.

Secretary Children's Work, Mrs. H. S. Baker.

Secretary of Programs and Bureau of Exchange, Mrs. J. V. V. Lewis, read by Mrs. Geo. Thom, Hutchinson.

Treasurer, Mrs. A. W. Norton.

Auditor, Mrs. Horace Goodhue, read by Secretary.

Upon motion these Reports were accepted. The Report of the Committee on Nominations, in the absence of Mrs. J. F. Taintor, Chairman, was read by Mrs. S. V. S. Fisher. The Report was accepted and the Recording Secretary instructed to cast the ballot for Officers and Directors thus nominated.

The program of the afternoon was then taken up. Children's work occupied the first half hour, in charge of Mrs. F. A. Sumner, Little Falls. "In the Junior Societies," was the theme of a very suggestive paper by Mrs. W. J. Brown, Glenwood, read by Mrs. G. R. Merrill, Minneapolis. In the admirable paper "In the Sunday Schools, Auxiliaries and Mothers," Mrs. F. A. Sumner made a

most earnest plea for the training of the boys and girls along missionary lines, with helpful ideas as to methods.

An interesting address by Miss S. Abbie Chapin, Osseo, on "Woman's Work in Vermont," outlined the plan pursued to reach the people in communities now for long periods without religious influences. From two young women, employed ten years ago, the number has been increased to thirty-six and many churches have been re-opened and repaired. Mrs. G. R. Merrill introduced the subject "What Shall We do About Our Annual Meeting," stating the difficulties besetting the manner at present in vogue. The thought was quite generally expressed that a joint meeting with the Branch in the spring would be most conducive to the missionary work of our churches. After much discussion it was voted, upon motion of Mrs. G. R. Merrill, that the President, Vice President and the Corresponding Secretary of both the Branch and the Union be a Committee to thoroughly canvass the matter and that result of their deliberations be sent out to the Auxiliaries for their concurrence or rejection.

Committee on Nominations was appointed as follows: Mrs. S. V. S. Fisher, Minneapolis; Miss Carrie S. Pond, St. Paul; Mrs. W. M. Bristoll, Minneapolis.

A motion to adjourn, in order to attend the Association, was lost and devotional half hour was conducted by Mrs. C. F. Swift, Minneapolis.

The meeting then adjourned.

Thursday, 9:15 a. m., the Union had its hour with the Association.

Mrs. Mary Wooster Mills, of the Bethlehem Bible and Missionary Training School in Cleveland, Ohio, gave a most valuable and interesting paper on "The Century's Problem."

Mrs. C. H. Taintor, of Chicago, Ill., in her address on "The Church Building Society the Home Missionary's Best Ally," gave some very graphic and pathetic pictures.

ROSA O. BRISTOLL,
Recording Secretary.

SUMMARY TREASURER'S REPORT.

AMOUNTS PAID

C. H. M. S.	$2,084.49
"Jubilee Fund" C. H. M. S.	730.58
A. M. A.	615.95
C. B. S.	319.70
S. S. and Pub	249.70
Carleton College	104.80
Montevideo Academy	47.31
Dr. Merrill	51.00
Expense	162.00
	$4,748.84

AMOUNTS RECEIVED

For year ending Sept. 13, 1901.

Anoka Conference	$1,662.18
Central Conference	79.60
Duluth Conference	177.56
Mankato Conference	212.93
Minnesota Valley Conference	105.65
Northern Pacific Conference	112.01
Owatonna Conference	789.58
Western Conference	109.27
Winona Conference	560.87
"Jubilee Fund"	736.08
Students Carleton College	104.80
" " "	47.31
First Church Minneapolis, S. S.	35.00
Fremont Ave., Minneapolis, Auxiliary	16.00
	$4,748.74

THE MINNESOTA BRANCH

OF THE

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE INTERIOR.

OFFICERS.

APRIL, 1901—APRIL, 1902.

President—MISS MARGARET J. EVANS, Northfield.

Vice-President—MRS. C. F. SAWYER, 3116 Humboldt Av. S., Minneapolis.

Corresponding Secretary—MRS. S. W. DICKINSON, 457 Ashland Av., St. Paul.

Assistant Corresponding Secretary—MRS. J. M. ANDERSON, 929 Eighth St. S. E., Minneapolis.

Recording Secretary—MRS. H. G. WEBSTER, Hotel Landour, Minneapolis.

Assistant Recording Secretary—MRS. A. B. UPHAM, The Genesee, Central Park, St. Paul.

Treasurer—MRS. H. A. SCRIVER, 603 East Side Boulevard, Minneapolis.

Auditor—MRS. A. B. UPHAM, The Genesee, Central Park, St. Paul.

Before the General Association, on Thursday afternoon, Sept. 19, a session of this Society was held, Miss Margaret J. Evans presiding.

After devotional service, Mrs. Harlow A. Gale gave a resumé of the First Quarter Century of the work of the Branch. A letter was read by Mrs. H. G. Webster (prepared by Mrs. G. E. Chapman of Duluth), giving an account of our new Missionary to Turkey, Miss Sophie Holt.

HON. ROBERT D. RUSSELL.

Miss Ruth Chadbourn, who has been in Central America, told us of an interesting work being done among our neighbors.

Miss Evans next introduced Rev. Wm. S. Ament, of China, who gave an address upon conditions, past and present, in China.

Session closed with singing and benediction by Rev. Wm. S. Ament.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. GORDON WEBSTER,
Recording Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

MINNESOTA BRANCH, W. B. M. I., IN ACCOUNT WITH MRS. HIRAM A. SCRIVER, TREASURER.

By Cash received from all sources, for the year ending April 4th, 1901:

Anoka Conference	$2,326.60
Central Conference	130.70
Duluth Conference	456.35
Mankato Conference	238.25
Minnesota Valley Conference	108.70
Northern Pacific Conference	114.13
Owatonna Conference	1,085.33
Western Conference	145.60
Winona Conference	699.22
Century Fund	308.60
Juvenile Century Fund	11.30
India Famine Fund	103.79
Total	$5,728.57

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for:

Miss Abbott's salary, rent, conveyance, etc.	$1,189.50
Miss Barrow's salary	575.00
Miss Brown's salary, in part	223.25
Miss Gage's salary, in part	223.26
Miss Hartwell's salary	500.00
Miss Moulton's salary	414.42
Miss Nason's salary	200.00
General Fund	1,524.96
Children's Work	199.74
Bible Readers	71.34
Miscellaneous objects	183.41
India Famine Relief	103.79
Twentieth Century Fund	308.60
Juvenile Century Fund	11.30
Total	$5,728.57

This is to certify that I have examined the above account, compared it with vouchers and found it correct.

(MRS.) ADDIE BIXBY-UPHAM,
Auditor.

MINNESOTA MINSTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY.

REPORT OF SECRETARY.

The Society has been able to afford relief this past year to pressing needs, but it has not had as many appeals for help as the year previous. It has not responded to every call. Since the last Association meeting the mortgage upon the Society's property in Minneapolis has been paid off, and there is now no encumbrance upon the property.

The terms of two of the board of trustees expire at this meeting, those of Mr. Wyman Elliot and Prof. A. H. Pearson. The latter has removed from the state. Mr. Elliot was one of the original members of this Society; and has been, I think, a trustee from the first.

It would not be amiss if more of our churches had a place in their hearts for this Society. Only thirteen churches remembered it this last year. Some of the ministers need to remind themselves of the Society's need. If they do, their churches will not fail to remember it generously.

Respectfully submitted,
S. V. S. FISHER, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Account of the Treasurer of the C. M. R. S. of Minnesota—State Association, Minneapolis, Sept. 17-19, 1901.

S. V. S. FISHER, Treasurer.

Receipts—1900-01:

Sept. 20. Balance annual meeting	$85.50
Sept. 20. Collection, annual meeting	33.00
From Church Collections:	
Plymouth, Minneapolis	49.20
Park, Minneapolis	6.38
Lyndale, Minneapolis	9.10
First Congregational, Cannon Falls	3.67
Congregational Church, Crookston	4.12
Congregational Church, Excelsior	2.00
Congregational Church, Medford	5.00
Congregational Church, Northfield	18.10

Congregational Church, Princeton	2.00	
Congregational Church, Rochester	18.21	
Congregational Church, St. Charles	4.00	
Missionary Society, Belgrade	2.00	
Missionary Society, Kerns	4.00	
Sept. 26. Minnesota Valley Conference collection	2.25	
May 19, 1901. Anoka Conference collection	10.59	
From rents	163.50	
Interest on bank account	.05	
Total receipts		$422.67

Disbursements:

Sept. 26. Mortgage on property, Lincoln Street Supplement, paid in full	$105.25	
Repairs on property	29.67	
Aid granted to ministers	81.08	
Taxes, Lincoln Street Supplement	56.34	
Water Tax	7.90	
Exchange on drafts	.20	
Total disbursements		280.44
Balance Sept. 15, 1901		$142.23

Minneapolis, Sept. 16, 1901.

I have carefully examined the foregoing account and the vouchers accompanying the same, and find it in every respect correct.

HARLAN P. ROBERTS, Auditor.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE WORK

OF THE

CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PUBLISHING SOCIETY IN MINNESOTA.

The year 1900-1901 has been peculiarly successful in the care of weaker Sunday Schools and Churches and in the establishing of new schools. With 237 Congregational Churches and 400 Sunday Schools there must be a large work for the rear guard of the denomination. The Sunday School Society does both pioneering and rear-guarding. Two enterprises in the Twin Cities which were about to be abandoned were saved to the denomination, besides several other points in the central part of the state. In the northern part of the state Mr. Stickney has used much effort in preserving the lives of the smaller churches, which have in recent years grown from the Sunday school work. Mr. Lyons has done the same work in southern and southwestern Minnesota. Several small Swedish churches in the north central part of the state have been tided over difficulties through Mr. Okerstein's efforts. This work of saving churches grown recently from Sunday schools is of great value to the denomination.

In the organization of new schools Minnesota leads all the other states of the Union in the annual report of the Society, with a total of 45 schools organized. While our state has generally stood second or third, this year we had the pleasure of being first in the amount of new work reported. These forty-five schools were very evenly distributed over the state, and are for the most part, we trust, the beginnings of permanent work.

The force for the past year has included the State Superintendent, Rev. E. H. Stickney and Rev. L. A. Sahlstrom in Northwestern Minnesota; Rev. E. C. Lyons, in Southwestern Minnesota, and Rev. John F. Okerstein, in the Swedish-American communities. We expect to add for the care of the rapidly developing northern region the labors of Rev. Allen Clark, lately of Brainerd. Mr. Clark will represent the Home Missionary and the Sunday School Societies, if arrangements are completed.

Not only in the northern part of the state where thousands are making new homes, but in every portion of the state new communities are springing up. Prosperity is developing railroad sidings into new towns and villages, and new lines of railroad are being built. The opportunities have always exceeded the abilities of the two missionary societies, in spite of the fact that the strictest rules of comity have been observed in the establishing of new work. Our especial need is the offerings of the churches in an annual contribution, apart from the Children's Day special offering. For this work there was expended in Minnesota $4,559.26, and in contribution there was received only $1,178.59. These gifts should at least be doubled during the coming year.

ROBERT P. HERRICK,
Superintendent for Minnesota.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

OF THE

GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA.

CONSTITUTION.

NAME.

Article 1.—This Association shall be called the "General Congregational Association of Minnesota."

OBJECT.

Art. 2.—No ecclesiastical power or authority shall be assumed by this Association or delegated thereto; but its object shall be to promote fellowship and co-operation among the Congregational Churches in Minnesota.

STATEMENT OF DOCTRINE.

Art. 3.—I. We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and all things visible and invisible.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who is of one substance with the Father, by whom all things are made.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who is sent from the Father and Son, and who, together with the Father and Son, is worshiped and glorified.

II. We believe that the providence of God, by which he executes His eternal purposes in the government of the world, is in and over all events; yet so that the freedom and responsibility of man are not impaired, and sin is the act of the creature alone.

III. We believe that man was made in the image of God, that he might know, love and obey God, and enjoy him forever, that our first parents, by their disobedience, fell under the righteous condemnation of God, and that all men are so alienated from God that there is no salvation from the guilt and power of sin except through God's redeeming grace.

IV. We believe that God would have all men return to him; that to this end He has made himself known, not only through the works of nature, the course of His providence, and consciences of men, but also through super-

natural revelations made especially to a chosen people, and above all, when the fullness of time was come through Jesus Christ His Son.

V. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the record of God's revelation of Himself in the work of redemption, that they were written by men under special guidance of the Holy Spirit; that they are able to make wise unto salvation, and that they constitute the authoritative standard by which religious teachings and human conduct are to be regulated and judged.

VI. We believe that the love of God to sinful men has found its highest expression in the redemptive work of His Son; who became man, uniting His divine nature with our human nature in one person; who was tempted like other men yet without sin, who by His humiliation, His holy obedience, His sufferings, His death on the cross and His resurrection, became a perfect Redeemer; whose sacrifice of Himself for the sins of the world declares the righteousness of God, and is the sole and sufficient ground of forgiveness and of reconciliation with Him.

VII. We believe that Jesus Christ, after He had arisen from the dead, ascended into Heaven, where, as the one mediator between God and man, He carries forward his work of saving men; that he sends the Holy Spirit to convict them of sin, and to lead them to repentance and faith; and that those who, through renewing grace, turn to righteousness and trust to Jesus Christ as their Redeemer, receive for his sake the forgiveness of their sins, and are made the children of God.

VIII. We believe that those who are thus regenerated and justified, grow in sanctified character through the fellowship with Christ, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and obedience to the truth; that a holy life is the fruit and evidence of faith; and that the believer's hope of continuance in such a life is in the preserving grace of God.

IX. We believe that Jesus Christ came to establish among men the kingdom of God, the reign of truth and love, righteousness and peace; that to Jesus Christ, the head of His Kingdom, Christians are directly responsible in faith and conduct; and that to him all have immediate access without mediatorial or priestly intervention.

X. We believe that the Church of Christ, invisible and spiritual, comprises all true believers, whose duty it is to associate themselves in churches for the maintenance of worship, for the promotion of spiritual growth and fellowship, and for the conversion of men; that these churches under the guidance of the Holy Scriptures and in fellowship with one another may determine—each for itself—their organization, statements of belief, and forms of worship; may appoint and set apart their own ministers, and should cooperate in the work which Christ has committed to them for the furtherance of the gospel throughout the world.

XI. We believe in the observance of the Lord's day, as a day of holy rest and worship; in the ministry of the word; and in the two sacraments which Christ has appointed for his church; Baptism to be administered to believers and their children, as the sign of cleansing from sin, of union to Christ and of the impartation of the Holy Spirit; and the Lord's Supper, as a symbol of His atoning death, a seal of its efficacy, and means whereby he confirms and strengthens the spiritual union and communion of believers with himself.

XII. We believe in the ultimate prevalence of the kingdom of Christ over all the earth; in the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; in the resurrection of the dead; and in a final judgment, the issues of which are everlasting punishment and everlasting life.

Art. 4.—I. Any minister who is a member—made such by vote—of a Congregational conference in this State, of the Evangelical character of which the General Association is satisfied, shall be entitled to a seat in this body; also two delegates from each church connected with such conference, any church being entitled to an additional delegate for each fifty of its resident members after the first hundred, conference registrars, officers of the Association, members of its standing committees, the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society, and of the Minnesota Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Interior.

II. Other ministers or laymen present at any meeting, whose names are proposed by the nominating committee, may be honorary members with all the privileges of membership except that of voting.

OFFICERS.

Art. 5.—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, who shall be elected at the closing session of the annual meeting to serve one year; a Scribe, elected annually by ballot; and Assistant Scribe, and Auditor, chosen annually viva voce, and a Secretary, elected triennially by ballot, who shall have charge of the records, correspondence and statistics, and shall also be Treasurer. They shall hold offices until their successors are chosen.

COMMITTEES.

Art. 6.—I. The standing committees of this Association to be chosen annually, shall be a Business Committee, a Committee of Arrangements, a Committee of Finance and Printing, and a Sunday School Committee, of three members each, and a Committee to visit Carleton College, to include the Moderator of the State Association and one representative from each conference, a Committee of Systematic Beneficence, of one member from each conference, and a Committee of three on Temperance. The Business Committee shall always have one member who has served upon said committee within the last two years. The minister of the church to which the

annual meeting is appointed shall be a member of the Committee of Arrangements.

II. For each annual meeting there shall be a Nominating Committee, a Committee on Place and Preacher, and a Committee on Resolutions, of three members each.

TIME OF MEETING.

Art. 7.—I. The annual meeting of this Association shall begin on the third Tuesday in September, and close on the following Friday.

II. Should an exigency arise requiring an extra meeting of this body, or a change from the appointed time and place, such appointment or change may be made by the Moderator, Secretary, Chairman of the Business Committee, and Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, or by three of these upon giving adequate notice.

AMENDMENTS AND RULES.

Art. 8.—I. This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, notice of such amendment having been given at the previous meeting.

II. Any rule of the Association may be suspended temporarily by a two-thirds vote. A motion to alter, establish or strike out any rule shall be read on two days and may be discussed at each reading. At the first reading the question shall be: Shall it be read a second time?

RULES.

1. At the annual meeting the Moderator or Assistant Moderator, or in their absence the Secretary, or the minister of the church with which the meeting is held, shall preside until permanent officers are elected. The first session shall be opened with a sermon by the minister or alternate appointed by the association, if he shall be present, otherwise by a minister appointed by the Business Committee.

2. After the opening sermon at the annual meeting, the Secretary and Scribe shall collect the names of members, together with the names of the church each delegate represents, and that of the conference to which each minister belongs. Upon the following morning the roll shall be read, and the organization completed.

3. The Minutes of the preceding day shall be read each morning for correction, and the corrected Minutes shall be read before the close of meeting for approval.

4. Every motion, when it is requested, shall be reduced to writing, and every written motion, when seconded, shall be passed to the Scribe, who shall

likewise receive all reports presented to this body, and all papers which it shall adopt.

5. In debate, no one shall speak upon the same question more than twice or longer than ten minutes, except by vote of the body.

6. The Secretary and Scribe of this body, and the Registrar of any conference shall be a Committee on Credentials for members within the bounds of said conference.

7. The Secretary shall collect through the Registrars the statistics from the conferences and churches, and shall publish and distribute the minutes of this body, and for his services may receive one hundred dollars.

8. The Treasurer shall collect through the Registrars the funds due this body from the conferences, according to the apportionment made by the Committee on Finance.

9. The Business Committee shall prepare the program for the annual meeting and shall publish the same at least three weeks before the time appointed for said meeting. They shall also prepare the order of business for each session, designating the time when reports of officers and of the committees provided for in the constitution, and of the President of Carleton College shall be received. They shall provide in the program for at least one devotional meeting of an hour's duration at a time in the day favorable for a general attendance. New business shall be introduced only by the Business Committee, except upon vote of the Association.

10. The Nominating Committees shall nominate officers and committees not otherwise provided for, and shall propose the names of honorary members.

11. The Committee of Arrangements shall make general arrangements for the annual meeting and shall appoint preachers or leaders for all religious services except the opening sermon.

12. The Committee on Finance shall approve all bills to be paid by the Treasurer, and shall estimate the expenses of this body for the ensuing year and apportion the same among the conferences, such apportionment to be published in the Minutes.

13. The annual reports from the churches in each conference shall be presented in writing by its Registrar, or such person as it shall appoint.

14. Any member of this Association if present at the meeting of any corresponding body, shall be authorized to represent the Association therein. For his certificate this rule will be sufficient, and he may report to this body at its next annual meeting.

15. At the meeting of this body next previous to the meeting of the National Council, delegates at large and alternates, half of each to be laymen, shall be chosen to represent the Congregational churches of the State at National Council.

ORDINATIONS, INSTALLATIONS, DEATHS.

Oct. 1, 1900, to Oct. 1, 1901.

ORDINATIONS.

George P. Merrill, Marshll, Oct. 3rd, 1900.
J. B. Richardson, Hopkins, Nov. 7th, 1900.
Clyde W. Greenway, Fertile, Nov. 9th, 1900.
Arthur S. Dascomb, Glencoe, Feb. 27, 1901.
A. A. Thom, Audubon, Feb. 5, 1901.
Andrew Bond, Park Rapids, May 28, 1901.
Miss Marion Darling, Detroit City, Sept. 10, 1901.

INSTALLATIONS.

Rev. Charles H. Curtis, Worthington, Sept. 24, 1901.

DEATHS.

Rev. William W. Lewis, St. Paul, March 20, 1901.
Rev. Jonas M. Ahnstrom, Minneapolis, March 29, 1901.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

YEAR		PLACE.	MODERATOR.	PREACHER AND TEXT.
1	56	St. Anthony...	Rev. Sherman Hall.....	Rev. W. R. Stevens; John 1: 4.
2	57	Prescott, Wis..	Rev. L. Armsby.....	Rev. C. B. Sheldon; II Cor. 4: 7.
3	58	Faribault.....	Rev. D. Andrews.....	Rev. Richard Hall; Rev. 11: 15.
4	59	Winona.....	Rev. C. Secombe.....	Rev. L. Armsby; Rev. 3: 8.
5	60	St. Paul.....	Rev. D. Burt.....	Rev. D. Andrew; Isa. 55: 10, 11.
6	61	Anoka.....	Rev. O. Thomas.....	Rev. A. S. Fisk; Phil. 4: 6.
7	62	Northfield....	Rev. Chas. Shedd.....	Rev. Chas. Shedd; II Thes. 2: 18.
8	63	Lake City.....	Rev. W. R. Stevens.....	Rev. J. W. Millen; John 17; 20, 21.
9	64	Rochester.....	Bro. C. M. Goodsell.....	Rev. C. Seccombe; Prov. 14: 10.
10	65	Minneapolis ..	Bro. R. G. Lincoln.....	Rev. D. Burt; Eph. 2: 1.
11	66	Faribault.....	Bro. W. G. Copp.....	Rev. A. B. Smith; Matt. 33: 8.
12	67	St. Cloud.....	Pres. J. W. Strong, D. D..	Rev. E. J. Hart; Luke 19: 11, 27.
13	68	Austin.....	Bro. S. W. Furber.....	Rev. A. Fuller; Job. 40: 3; 42: 5, 27.
14	69	Owatonna.....	Bro. J. L. Noyes.....	Rev. E. Gale; John 4; 22, 12.
15	70	Northfield.....	Bro. R. J. Baldwin.....	Rev. W. B. Dana; Mark 4: 28.
16	71	St. Anthony...	Pres. J. W. Strong, D. D..	Rev. C. C. Salter, D. D.; Isa. 40: 3.
17	72	Lake City.....	Rev. S. H. Barteau.....	Rev. E. M. Williams, D. D.; Rom. 1: 16.
18	73	St. Paul.....	Bro. H. W. Page.....	Rev. H. M. Tenney, D. D.; Phil. 2: 15.
19	74	Winona.....	Rev. H. A. Stimson, D. D..	Rev. C. M. Terry; I Cor. 6: 9, 17.
20	75	Minneapolis...	Rev. L. H. Cobb, D. D.	Rev. J. W. Ray; Rom. 1: 16.
21	76	Austin.....	Rev. E. M. Williams, D. D.	Rev. George A. Wood; Eph. 3: 8.
22	77	Faribault.....	Rev. David Burt.....	Rev. C. W. Merrill; II Tim. 4: 2.
23	78	Mankato.....	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D. D.	Rev. J. H. Morley; Matt. 16: 19, 16.
24	79	Minneapolis ..	Hon. A. H. Young.....	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D. D.; Heb 11: 1.
25	80	Northfield.....	Rev. L. W. Cheney.....	Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, D. D.; Matt. 23: 8, 10.
26	81	Rochester.....	Rev. Geo. A. Hood.....	Rev. C. E. Wright, D. D.; Matt. 11: 4.
27	82	St. Paul.....	Bro. H. W. Page.....	Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D.; Matt. 16: 14, 15.
28	83	Lake City.....	Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, D.D.	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D.; Isa. 50: 4.
29	84	St. Cloud.....	Rev. M. W. Montgomery.	Prof. A. H. Pearson; Phil. 1: 21.
30	85	Winona.....	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D.	Rev. H. C. Hovey, D. D., Jer. 32: 8.
31	86	Minneapolis ..	Rev. C. W. Merrill.....	Rev. John H. Crum, D. D.; I Tim. 1: 19.
32	87	Fergus Falls..	Prof. Geo. Huntington....	Rev. M. W. Montgomery; Isa. 21:6; I Cor. 2:2.
33	88	Owatonna.....	Rev. C. E. Wright, D. D..	Rev. J. W. Hargrave; II Tim. 2: 15.
34	89	St. Paul.....	Rev. S. V. S. Fisher.....	Rev. I. L. Cory; Luke 12:33.
35	90	Northfield.....	Rev. G. R. Merrill, D. D..	Rev. E. M. Noyes; Matt. 5: 13.
36	91	Duluth.....	Rev. H. W. Gleason.....	Rev. A. H. Heath, D. D.; Rom. 1: 15.
37	92	Minneapolis ..	Rev. J. F. Taintor.....	Rev. J. A. Chamberlain; John 14: 12.
38	93	St. Paul.....	Rev. Smith Baker, D. D...	Rev. L. L. West, D. D.; Mark 13: 37.
39	94	Austin.....	Bro. C. W. Hackett.....	Rev. J. E. McConnel; I Chron. 12: 32.
40	95	Alexandria....	Hon. D. C. Bell.....	Rev. S. G. Smith, D. D.; Matt. 6: 11.
41	96	Faribault.....	Rev. G. E. Soper.....	Rev. T. Merrill Edmands; Phil. 1: 9.
42	97	Montevideo...	Dean Horace Goodhue....	Rev. John A. Stemen; Luke 24: 36.
43	98	Owatonna.....	Rev. R. S. Cross.....	Rev. J. W. Todd; Rom. 8: 19.
44	99	Rochester.....	Hon. Lyndon A. Smith...	Rev. S. J. Rogers; I Cor. 10: 21.
45	00	Northfield.....	Rev. L. L. West, D. D.....	Rev. J. F. Taintor; Rev. 19: 10.
46	01	Minneapolis...	Hon. D. P. Jones.....	Rev. Wm. H. Medlar; Isa. 49: 9, and Num. 23: 23.

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Rev. C. B. Sheldon.....1859—1861.
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Rev. H. Bumsted.....1873—1874
Rev. C. A. Hampton.....1875—1876
Bro. Wm. Cheney.....1877—1878
Rev. Geo. A. Hood.....1879—1881
Rev. W. A. James.....1882—1883

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Rev. C. Seccombe.....1856—1858.
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" Rev. Samuel J. Rogers.....1901.

THE CONFERENCES.

I. ANOKA CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: ——May 20, 1902.

REGISTRAR: Rev. Samuel J. Rogers, Minneapolis.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. John H. Sammis, Rev. Wm. J. Gray, Rev. E. L. Brooks.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Anoka	135	Albert E. Barnes	E. L. Curial.
Brownton	38	James Oakey	J. P. West.
Cottage Grove	62	J. L. Keene	J. P. Furber.
Elk River	77	George Hindley	W. G. Babcock.
Excelsior	167	G. A. Traut	Miss Ella M. Stratton.
Fair Oaks (Tuthill)	11		Mrs. F. A. Blanchard.
Glencoe	107	Arthur S. Dascomb	Mrs. B. F. Allen.
Groveland (Chowen)	14	Samuel T. Show	Mrs. E. A. Phillips.
Hutchinson	114	E. L. Brooks	C. E. Gillett.
Lakeland	16	Albert A. Davis	Anna Rockstrole.
Minneapolis, First	575	Ernest W. Shurtleff	W. W. Morse.
" Plymouth	881	Leavitt H. Hallock	Charles M. Shearer.
" Park Avenue	603	Clarence F. Swift	William M. Bristol.
" Pilgrim	416	Frederick A. Sumner	E. C. Scarborough.
" Vine	122	John S. Rood	John R. Williams.
" Como Avenue	118	Jay M. Hulbert	George M. Furber.
" Union (St. L. Pk.)	77		Mrs. J. Hamilton.
" Open Door	145	Ernest E. Day	Clara B. Kellar.
" Lyndale	392	Charles E. Burton	F. L. Frary.
" Fremont	200	Richard Brown	E. O. Ballard.
" Fifth Avenue	160	James E. Smith	E. P. Leland.
" Mizpah (Hopkins)	27	J. B. Richardson	Mrs. O. H. Poppleton.
" Bethany	82	Maurice B. Morris	Thomas D. Plumb.
" Robbinsdale	71		Miss F. Pollard.
" Lowry Hill	201	Henry Holmes	Joseph Goldsbury.
" First Scandinav'n	30	S. M. Andrewson	
" Oak Park	97	Walter A. Snow	A. Henry Cheese.
" New Brighton	15		Mrs. C. A. Thompson.
" Forest Height	200	Adam Murrman	Homer A. Ralph.
" Temple, Swedish	133	A. Lidman	E. N. Fallip.
" Thirty Eighth St.	60	Wm. A. Wilkinson	Eli Butterworth.
North Branch	36	Owen W. Roberts	J. G. Rider.
Princeton	66	Charles H. Moxie	John F. Petterson.
St. Paul, Plymouth	250	George M. Morrison	Warren Upham.
" Pacific	240	William J. Gray	John M. Boxell.
" Atlantic	105	George N. Makely	Geo. D. Hammond.
" Park	327	Alexander McGregor	Samuel Cummings.
" St. Anthony Park	202	Edwin S. Pressey	Henry L. Hunter.
" Bethany	156	William A. Gerrie	E. J. Souther.
" Olivet (Merriam Park)	119	John H. Sammis	H. W. Snell.
" South Park	87		John N. Irving.
" Peoples	481	Samuel G. Smith	Ira Oehler.
" University Ave	37	(Robert Moore, Lic.)	Mrs. M. E. Reed.
" Hazel Park, (Peoples)	18		R. F. Hiler.
" Peoples, (German)	61	George E. Lohr	G. A. Rinker.
Sandstone, (Swedish)	14		
Silver Lake (Bohemian)	100	Philip Reitinger	Charles Pokorny.
Spencer Brook	47	Alfred P. Engstrom	Andrew Dundee.
Stewart	40	James Oakey	E. Baumgarten.
Stillwater	128	(Louis H. Johnston, Lic.)	Miss Mary Jenks
Sunrise	7	Owen W. Roberts	Mrs. C. Spivak.
Wayzata	40	D. E. Wilson	Mrs. J. Lawrence.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.—Hiram Appleman, Franklin H. Bassett, Eben M. Betts, George S. Biscoe, Carl B. Bjuge, Henry L. Chase, Henry J. Colwell, James W. Danford, Daniel D. Davies, James B. Drew, Charles B. Fellows, Samuel V. S. Fisher, Americus Fuller, Herbert W. Gleason, Richard Hall, Harry B. Hendley, Robert P. Herrick, Daniel H. Magnus, J. Bruce Mather, James McPherson, Andrew G. Nelson, William W. Newell, Jairus L. Nott, William Oehler, William Okerstein, Henry W. Parsons, Henry A. Risser, Alvah D. Roe, Samuel J. Rogers, Moody A. Stevens, Charles J. Treha, Tell A. Turner.

II. CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: St. Cloud, June 17, 1902.

REGISTRAR: George L. Treat, Alexandria.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. G. Ernest Smith, Sauk Centre; Rev. W. H. Medlar, Alexandria; Rev. W. J. Brown, Glenwood.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Alexandria	216	William H. Medlar	A. S. Mason.
Big Lake, (Union)	79	William M. Jenkins	Albert J. Johnson.
Burtrum	21	Elmer E. Cram	Miss Ella Wilson.
Cable, (Clear Lake)	15	Carl J. Swain	Miss Edith Ayers.
Clarissa	19	John Peters	Mrs. T. A. Leighton.
Clearwater	43	Richard Watt	Samuel Whiting.
Glenwood	59	Wm. J. Brown	G. W. Thacker.
Grey Eagle	40	Elmer E. Cram	Mrs. A. M. Davis.
Hasty	33	Richard Watt	Mrs. Sarah Sheldon.
Hudson, (Villard)			Mrs. Nellie Meyers.
Little Falls	194		Ernest D. Boyce.
Monticello	97	E. P. Crane	Bert M. Barker.
Orrock, (Union)	8	William M. Jenkins	Miss Grace Craig.
Paynesville	107	E. E. Rogers	L. M. Bennett.
Pillsbury	15	Elmer E. Cram	John M. Gist.
Randall	35	Isaac N. English	S. C. Cochran.
Round Prairie	40	J. Frank Locke	John MacCarahan.
St. Cloud			
St. Cloud and Sauk Rapids, (Swedish)	50	Karl E. Peterson	John Erickson.
Sauk Centre	167	G. Ernest Smith	James A. Norris.
Sauk Rapids	28	Carl J. Swain	James Burns.
Swanville	14	Isaac N. English	Mrs. Belle Flood.
Upsala, (Swedish)	120	Nels J. Bolin	Gust Nelson.
Villard	40	Wm. J. Brown	Daniel W. Shear.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.—David Donovan, Frank P. Ferguson, George F. Morton, Charles H. Moxie, Edward N. Ruddock, Frederick A. Sumner.

III. DULUTH CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: May 27, 1902.

Place not yet determined.

REGISTRAR: Rev. Alexander Milne, Duluth.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. Alexander Milne, Mrs. C. J. Merritt, Brainerd; Rev. Allen Clark, Brainerd.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Aitken	25	William E. Griffith	Mrs. A. L. Hamilton.
Biwabik	13	Frank A. Bown	Charles W. Bray.
Brainerd, First	136	[M. L. Hutton..]	H. W. Isham.
" Peoples	49	Allen Clark	Mrs. J. F. Townsend.
Duluth, Pilgrim	372	Alexander Milne	Miss L. Ella Roe.
" West Plymouth	55		Carl C. Weaver.
" Morley	35	John H. B. Smith	C. A. Gregory.
Hibbing			
Walker	12	George Michael	Rev. Geo. Michael.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.—Jeremiah Kimball, Martin B. Bird, Esther Smith, Charles E. Wilcox.

IV. MANKATO CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Mankato, May 20, 1902.

REGISTRAR: Rev. John A. Eakin, Waseca.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. J. E. Ingham, Sherburn; Rev. Wilbur Fisk, Alma City; Dr. George O. Moore, Worthington.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Ash Creek	6		F. D. Everett.
Belgrade, (Kerns)	75		Mrs. S. J. Betts.
Centre Chain	22	Hubert O. Judd	J. Victor Livingston.
Ceylon	23	Hubert O. Judd	Miss Laura Nelson.
Edgerton	46	Pliny H. Fisk	Mrs. L. A. Gulick.
Ellsworth	46	Wm. R. MacLane	Mrs. Myrtle Bratsbergh.
Fairmont	148	Hiram B. Harrison	Mrs. A. T. French.
Fraser, (Fairmont)	25		F. L. Hall.
Freeborn	52	Wilbur Fisk	Mrs. Abbie Olson.
Freedom, (Alma City)	36	Wilbur Fisk	S. O. Garlick. (Cream).
Granada	49		Mrs. S. Cooper.
Kamaranzi			
Kasota, (Swedish)	30		John Olson.
Mankato	145	T. Merrill Edmands	Mrs. Hughes.
Mankato, (Swedish)	75		William Anderson.
Mapleton	86		Carrie A. Bachtle.
New Richland	58	Harry W. Johnson	H. E. Johnson.
Salem, (Courtland)	48		H. S. Hughes.
St. Clair	9	Wilbur Fisk	Mrs. E. W. Axtell.
Sherburn	69	J. Edward Ingham	Dr. Geo. R. Herndon.
South Bend			
Triumph	7	J. Edward Ingham	Miss Ethel Gilves.
Waseca	132	John A. Eakin	Fred W. Roth.
Worthington	131	Charles H. Curtis	Dr. Geo. O. Moore.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.—Elijah Carter, Jules A. Derrome, Josiah P. Dickerman, Charles W. Merrill, Francis M. Washburne.

V. MINNESOTA VALLEY CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Morris, June 3, 1902.

REGISTRAR: D. T. Wheaton, Morris.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. F. H. Richardson, Morris; Rev. C. W. Duncan, Hancock; Rev. James Earl, Granite Falls.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Appleton	55	Arthur S. Heathcote	Mrs. Z. L. Tadsen.
Belview	26	F. R. Snowden	Miss Cora Adsit.
Benson	66	S. Heath	Mrs. W. A. Foland.
Campbell	24		Mrs. C. C. Maeckles.
Correll	13	Arthur S. Heathcote	Mrs. C. E. Hudson.
Dawson	81	Rowland S. Cross	Fred C. Grow.
Graceville	32	(A. D. Smith)	Miss Maria Cox.
Granite Falls	53	James Earl	Miss Carrie Barnes.
Hancock	45	Calvin W. Duncan	Mrs. Frank Angier.
Lake Emily, (Hancock)	5	Calvin W. Duncan	Mrs. J. Councilman.
Madison	43	Wm. Blackwell	Mrs. S. E. Farnham.
Marietta	9	John L. Martin	Mrs. A. C. Miller.
Montevideo	88	Philip W. Yarrow	Ernest P. Lee.
Morris	98	F. H. Richardson	D. T. Wheaton.
Nassau	16	John L. Martin	Miss Emily Bragg.
Ortonville	100	Fred. L. V. Meske	Henry Walters.
Tinta	16		Mrs. Hattie Nuckolds.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.—Clement M. G. Harwood, Frank O. Krause, Eli C. Lyon, Charles A. Ruddock, J. Lewis Jones, Otis A. Starr, John W. Todd, Edwin E. Webber.

VI. NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Wadena, June 17, 1902.

REGISTRAR: C. R. Andrews, Ada.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: A. A. Miller, Crookston; Rev. F. H. Oehler, Wadena; George E. Perley, Moorhead.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Ada	59	H. William Stiles	Fred. L. Hampson.
Akeley	8	(L. D. Arnold)	W. H. Harris.
Audubon	23	A. A. Thom	Mrs. M. E. Cravath.
Bertha	48	John Peters	L. P. Leech.
Bagley	14	Charles F. Blomquist	P. R. Day.
Barnesville	79	T. Henry Lewis	J. G. Randall.
Cass Lake and Farris	16	Frank N. Smith	A. D. Hovey.
Crookston	84	Herman P. Fisher	Wm. L. Vannet.
Detroit City	86	Marion Darling	Miss Bessie Furber.
Dorset	5	Andrew Bond	Mrs. Henry Parks.
Felton	23		William Scott.
Fergus Falls	113	John W. Todd	Peter Winsor.
Fertile	23	O. P. Champlin	S. S. La Due.
Fosston	12		D. H. Fisk.
Georgetown	11		
Glyndon	42		W. E. Tate.
Hawley (Union)	57	Samuel E. Fish	Adnah Colburn.
Kragness	20	Donald G. Colp	Gustave Gunderson.
Lake Park	18	A. Alex. Thom	Isabel E. Hegley.
Lake View (Detroit City)			

NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE—*Continued.*

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Maple Lay	5	O. P. Champlin	Mrs. L. A. Hunter.
Mc Intosh	15		
Mentor	10		A. D. Tice.
Moorhead	89	J. P. Kerr	Fred. Stalley.
Park Rapids	24	Andrew Bond	W. J. Conard.
Pelican Rapids	68		Mrs. O. A. Burdick.
Perham	16		Mrs. W. S. G. Henry.
Sebeka	20		Mrs. H. H. Griffey.
Shevlin	18	Charles F. Blomquist	Rev. C. F. Blomquist.
Staples	51	Geo L. Hunt	W. S. Gish.
Verndale			Mrs. Minnie Morell.
Wadena	110	Frederick H. Oehler	John Liddell.
West Dora (Lida)			Miss Eveline Smith.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.—Richard H. Battey, Wm. J. Conard, Isaac N. English, Lewis C. Frost, R. W. Harlow, John L. Martin, David W. Morgan, Oscar M. Smith, Francis Wrigley.

VII. OWATONNA CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Grand Meadow, May 13th, 1902.

REGISTRAR: Rev. W. C. A. Wallar, Mantorville.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Prof. Geo. Huntington, Northfield; Rev. J. Sidney Gould, Owatonna; Rev. W. A. Warren, Spring Valley.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Austin	337	Edward F. Wheeler	W. E. Waldron.
Cannon City (Dean)	20		Caleb G. Pye.
Cannon Falls	122		Mrs. Mary C. Clifford.
Claremont	29	Wesley R. Bosard	Mrs. C. F. Way.
Dexter	19	Paul Winter	Mrs. Jennie Shurman.
Dodge Centre	80	Wesley R. Bosard	Fred. E. Burtrand.
Faribault	388	John H. Albert	G. G. Pye.
Grand Meadow	37	Benjamin James	John De Goung.
Hamilton			
Lyle	38	Benjamin Iorns	L. A. Sherman.
Mantorville	186	Wm. C. A. Wallar	Mrs. W. C. A. Wallar.
Medford	85	F. O. Kranse	D. McKinley.
Morristown	55	Charles Culver Lic	E. L. Peterson.
Northfield	510	James E. McConnell	George H. Alden.
Owatonna	271	J. Sidney Gould	Dr. J. P. Johnson.
Rose Creek	21	Benjamin Iorns	Mrs. E. D. McTavish.
Spring Valley	237	Willis A. Warren	W. L. Kellogg.
Taopi	19	(J. Rusell Jones)	Wilbur F. Davis.
Waterville	31	Chas. Culver Lic	Miss Nellie Roberts.
Welch	20		A. Black.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.—Delbert W. Cram, George Huntington, John C. Huntington, Arthur H. Pearson, James W. Strong, William F. Trussell, S. B. Wilson, Cassius E. Wright.

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VIII. WESTERN CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Mankato, May, 25th, 1902.

REGISTRAR: L. M. Lange, Marshall.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. M. J. P. Thing, Lake Benton, Dr. C. E. Persons, Marshall.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Cornish	27	George A. Wickwire	George Dunwell.
Custer	14	C. A. Ruddock	R. Price.
Garvin	28	C. A. Ruddock	M. W. Jones.
Lake Benton	35	M. J. P. Thing	Mrs. Minnie W. Zeller.
Lake Stay (Arcola)	28	John H. Hjetland	Mrs. A. F. Chase.
Lamberton	56	Arthur Davies	A. A. McLellan.
Marshall	153	W. N. Moore	Julius W. Humphrey.
New Ulm	68	Stephen G. Updyke	Herman Held.
Selma	45		Henry Currier.
Sleepy Eye	110	Thomas W. Barbour	Isaac Gallagher.
Springfield	38		Mrs. M. P. Rowe.
Tyler	21	John H. Hjetland	A. J. Cox.
Walnut Grove	24	James A. Danford	Mrs. Mildred Swaffer.
Winthrop	62	George A. Wickwire	Anna H. Campbell.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.—Wm. Blackwell, Wm. H. Klose, George P. Merrill, George H. Rice, Enoch E. Rogers, Albert Warren.

IX. WINONA CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Plainview, May 20th, 1902.

REGISTRAR: Rev. R. L. Breed, Wabasha,

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. E. B. Chase, Lake City, Rev. J. F. Taintor, Rochester, W. H. Laird, Winona.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Lake City	248	Ezra B. Chase	Mrs. C. E. Dutcher.
Lake City (Swedish)	48	Emil A. Anderson	Oscar Asterlund.
Mazeppa	26		Mrs. J. W. Kingsley.
Plainview	133	Frank A. Anderson	Mrs. G. A. Lyon.
Rochester	159	Jesse F. Taintor	J. W. Soule.
St. Charles	94	Wm. G. Ramsey	A. F. Knebler.
Stewartville	87	R. Griffith Jones	F. C. Thomas.
Wabasha	158	Reuben L. Breed	Dr. C. H. Robinson.
Winona, (First)	371	Lester L. West	Geo. J. Hillyer.
Winona, (Second)	48	E. Winthrop Jenny	Lewis Lawrence.
Winono, (Scandinavian)	37	Hans F. Josephson	Azel Bard.
Wiscoy, (Witoka)	16		Miss Rilla Thomas.
Zumbro Falls	33		Mrs. A. G. Scholer.
Zumbrota	131	S. Edward Lynd	W. C. Rowell.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.—Emil A. Anderson, Samuel W. Dickinson, Nathaniel Smith, Henry H. Stutson.

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CHURCHES	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
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Chokio		Mrs. Ackerman.
Culdrum, (Flensburgh)		
Elmdale	Philip Reitinger	John Soltis.
Franconia	John G. Princell	Mrs. Josephine Princell.
Ham Lake, Swedish		
Lida Lake, Swedish, (Erhard)		
McKinley		
Minneiska		
Mud Lake, (Attica)		
New York Mills		
Rowe Memorial, (St. Paul)		
Solway		
Star Lake		
Triumph		
Union Lake		Fred Mead.

MINISTERIAL RECORD.

NOTE.—Names starred (*) indicate that they are Congregational Ministers but do not hold membership in Minnesota.

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Anderson, Emil A.....Lake City.
Anderson, Frank H.....Plainview.
Anderson, S. M.....Minneapolis.
Appelman, Hiram H.....
Arnold, L. D.....Akeley.

Barbour, Thomas W.....Sleepy Eye.
Barnes, Albert E.....Anoka.
Bartel, Harvey B.....Brainerd.
Battey, Richard H.....Minneapolis.
Bassett, Franklin H.....Glyndon.
Betts, Eben M.....New York.
Bird, Martin B.....Temple, Arizona.
Biscoe, George S.....St. Paul Park.
Bjuge, Carl B.....
Blackwell, William .....Madison.
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Bolin, Nels J.....Upsala.
Bond, Andrew .....Park Rapids.
Bosard, Wesley R.....Dodge Center.

Bown, Frank A.....Biwabik.
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Brown, William J.....Glenwood.
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Carter, Elijah .....Edgerton.
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Clark, Allen .....Brainerd.
Colwell, Henry J.....Minneapolis.
Conard, William J.....Park Rapids.
Colp, Donald G.....Fargo, N. D.
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Curtis, Charles H.....Worthington.
Cram, Delbert W.....Valdez, Alaska.
Crane, Edward P.....Monticello.
Cross, Roland S.....Dawson.
Culver, Charles, Lic.....Morristown.

Danford, James W.....Walnut Grove.
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Day, Ernest E.....Minneapolis.
Davis, Arthur .....Lamberton.
Darling, Marion .....Detroit City.
Dascomb, Arthur S.....Glencoe.
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Duncan, Calvin W.....Hancock.

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Earl, James .....Granite Falls.
Edmands, T. Merrill.....Mankato.
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Engstrom, Alfred P.....Oxlip.
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Ferguson, Frank P.....Alexandria.

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Fisher, Samuel V. S.....Minneapolis.
Fisk, Pliny H.....Edgerton.
Fisk, Wilbur .....Freeborn.
Frost, Lewis C.....Farwell, Mich.
Fuller, Americus .....Aintab, Turkey.

Gerrie, William A.....St. Paul.
Gleason, Herbert W.....Boston, Mass.
Gould, J. Sidney.....Owatonna.
Gray, William J.....St. Paul.
Griffith, William E.....Aitken.

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Hendley, Harry B.....Stellacoon, Wash.
Herrick, Robert P.....Minneapolis.
Hindley, George .....Elk River.
Hjetland, John H.....Arcola.
Holmes, Henry .....Minneapolis.
Hulbert, Jay M.....Minneapolis.
Huntington, Prof. George .....Northfield.
Huntington, John C.....Paris, Texas.
Hunt, Geo. L., Llc.....Staples.
Hutton, M. L.....Brainerd.

Ingham, J. Edward .....Sherburne.
Iorns, Benjamin .....Lyle.

James, Benjamin .....Grand Meadow.
Jenney, E. Winthrop.....Winona.
Jenkins, William M.....Big Lake.
Johnson, Harry W.....New Richland.
Johnston, Louis H., Llc.....Stillwater.
Jones, John L.....Huntington, Oregon.
Jones, J. Russell.....Taopi.
Jones, Robert G.....Stewartville.
Josephson, Hans F.....Winona.
Judd, Hubert O.....Ceylon.

Keene, J. L.....Cottage Grove.
Kimball, Jeremiah .....Duluth.
Klose, William H.....Chicago, Ill.
Krause, Frank O.....Medford.

Lewis, T. Henry.....Barnesville.
Lidman, A.....Minneapolis.
Lohr, George E.....St. Paul.
Locke, J. Frank.....Long Prairie.
Lodwick, William .....Berea, Ky.
Loring, Levi .....St. Paul.
Lynd, S. Edward .....Zumbrota.
Lyon, Eli C.....Minneapolis.

Mac Lane, Wm. R.....Ellsworth.
Magnus, Daniel H.....Northfield.
Makely, George N.....St. Paul.
Martin, John L.....Nassau.
Mather, J. Bruce.....Denver, Col.
McConnell, James E.....Northfield.
McGregor, Alexander .....St. Paul.
McPherson, James .....
Medlar, William H.....Alexandria.
Merrill, Charles W.....Oroville, Cal.
Merrill, George P.....Everett, Wash.
Meske, Fred L.....Ortonville.
Michael, George .....Walker.
Milne, Alexander .....Duluth.
Morgan, David W.....Stratham, N. H.
Morrison, George M.....St. Paul.
Moore, Robert, Lic.....Hamline.
Morton, George F.....Brainerd.
Moxie, Charles H.....Princeton.
Murrman, Adam .....Minneapolis.

Nelson, Andrew G.....
Newell, William W.....St. Louis.
Nott, Jairus L.....Minneapolis.

Oakley, James .....Brownton.
Oehler, Frederick H.....Wadena.
Oehler, William .....St. Paul.
Okerstein, William .....Minneapolis.

Parsons, Henry W.....St. Paul.
Pearson, Arthur H.....Guadalajara Jalisco, Mexico.
Peterson, Karl E.....Sauk Rapids.
Pressey, Edwin S.....St. Anthony Park.
Princell, John G.....Franconia.

Ramsey, William G.....St. Charles.
Reitinger, Philip .....Silver Lake.
Richardson, Frank H.....Morris.
Richardson, J. B.....Hopkins.
Risser, Henry A.....Merriam Park.
*Roberts, Owen A.....North Branch.
Roe, Alva D.....Minneapolis.
Rogers, Enoch E.....Paynesville.
Rogers, Samuel J.....Minneapolis.
Ruddock, Charles A.....Garvin.
Ruddock, Edward N.....Glenwood.
Rood, John S.....Minneapolis.

Sammis, John H.....Merriam Park.
Show, Samuel T.....Excelsior.
Shultz, Jacob K.....Princeton.
Shurtleff, Ernest W.....Minneapolis.
Smith, A. D.....Graceville.
Smith, Esther .....Duluth.

Smith, G. Ernest.....Sauk Centre.
Smith, Frank W.....Cass Lake.
Smith, James E.....Minneapolis.
Smith, John H. B.....Duluth.
Smith, Nathaniel .....Lake City.
Smith, Oscar M.....
Smith, Samuel G.....St. Paul.
Snow, Walter A.....Minneapolis.
Snowden, F. R.....Bellview.
Starr, Otis A.....Montevideo.
Stevens, Moody A.....Minneapolis.
Stiles, Hubert W.....Ada.
Strong, Pres. James W.....Northfield.
Stutson, Henry H.....Baraboo, Wis.
Sumner, Frederick A.....Minneapolis.
Swift, Clarence .....Minneapolis.
Swain, Carl J.....Sauk Rapids.

Taintor, Jesse F.....Rochester.
Tebbets, Arthur H.....Minneapolis.
Thom, A. A.....Audubon.
Todd, John W.....Fergus Falls.
Tracy, Isaac B.....Kaukauna.
*Traut, G. A.....Excelsior.
Trcha, Charles J.....St. Paul.
Trussell, William F.....Champlin.
Turner, Tell A.....Chillicothe, Ohio.
Thing, M. J. P.....Lake Benton.

Updyke, Stephen G.....New Ulm.

Wallar, William C. A.....Mantorville.
Warren, Albert .....Lake Benton.
Warren, Willis A.....Spring Valley.
Washburn, Francis M.....Lincoln, Cal.
*Watt, Richard .....Clearwater.
Webber, Edwin E.....Kinsley, Iowa.
West, Lester L.....Winona.
Wheeler, Edward F.....Austin.
Wickmire, Geo. Arthur.....Winthrop.
Wilson, D. E.....Wayzata.
Winter, Paul .....Dexter.
Wilkinson, William A.....Minneapolis.
Wilcox, Charles E.....Biwabik.
Wilson, Sherman B.....Faribault.
Wrigley, Francis .....Paonia, Cal.
Wright, Cassius E.....Washington, D. C.

Yarrow, Philip W.....Montevideo.

LICENTIATES.

Austin, Lloyd B.....St. Paul.
Culver, Charles .....Morristown.
Hunt, George L.....Staples.
Johnston, Louis H.....Stillwater.
Moore, Robert .....Hamline.

FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

Arnold, L. D.	Akeley.
Crane, Edward P.	Monticello.
Dyke, Thomas	Climax.
Hutton, M. L.	Brainerd.
Jones, J. Russell	Taopi.
Lidman, A.	Minneapolis.
Makely, George N.	St. Paul.
Peterson, Karl E.	Sauk Rapids.
Show Samuel T.	Excelsior.
Smith, A. D.	Graceville.
Wilson, D. E.	Wayzata.

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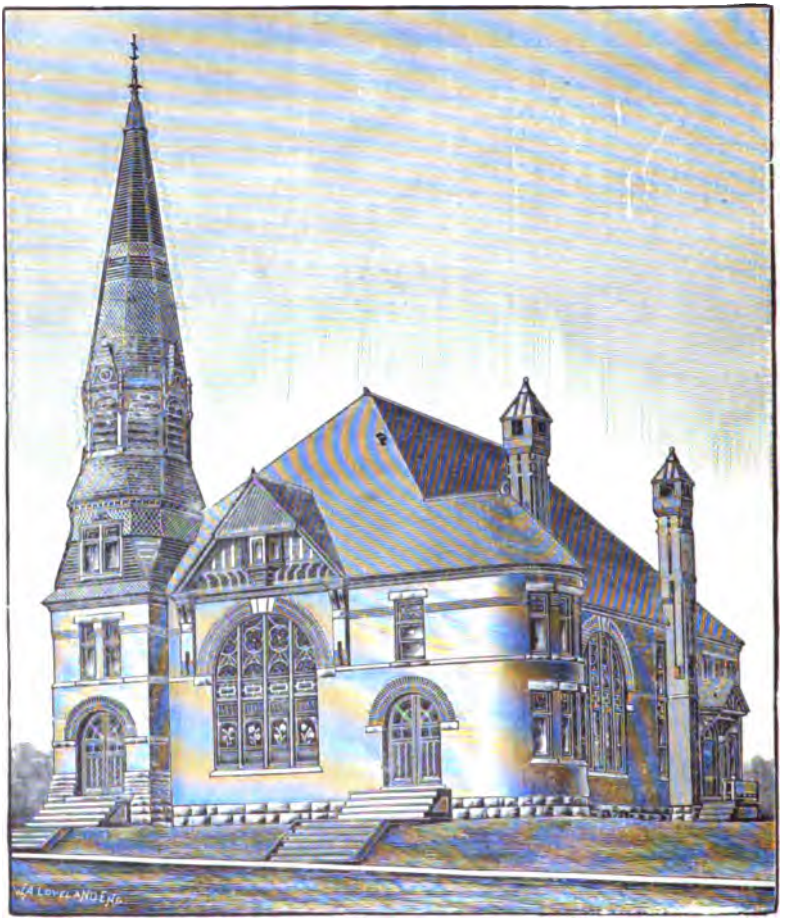

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
OF FERGUS FALLS.

MINUTES

OF THE

Forty-Seventh Annual Meeting

OF THE

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OF MINNESOTA.

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September 17-19, 1902.

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IMPORTANT MATTERS.

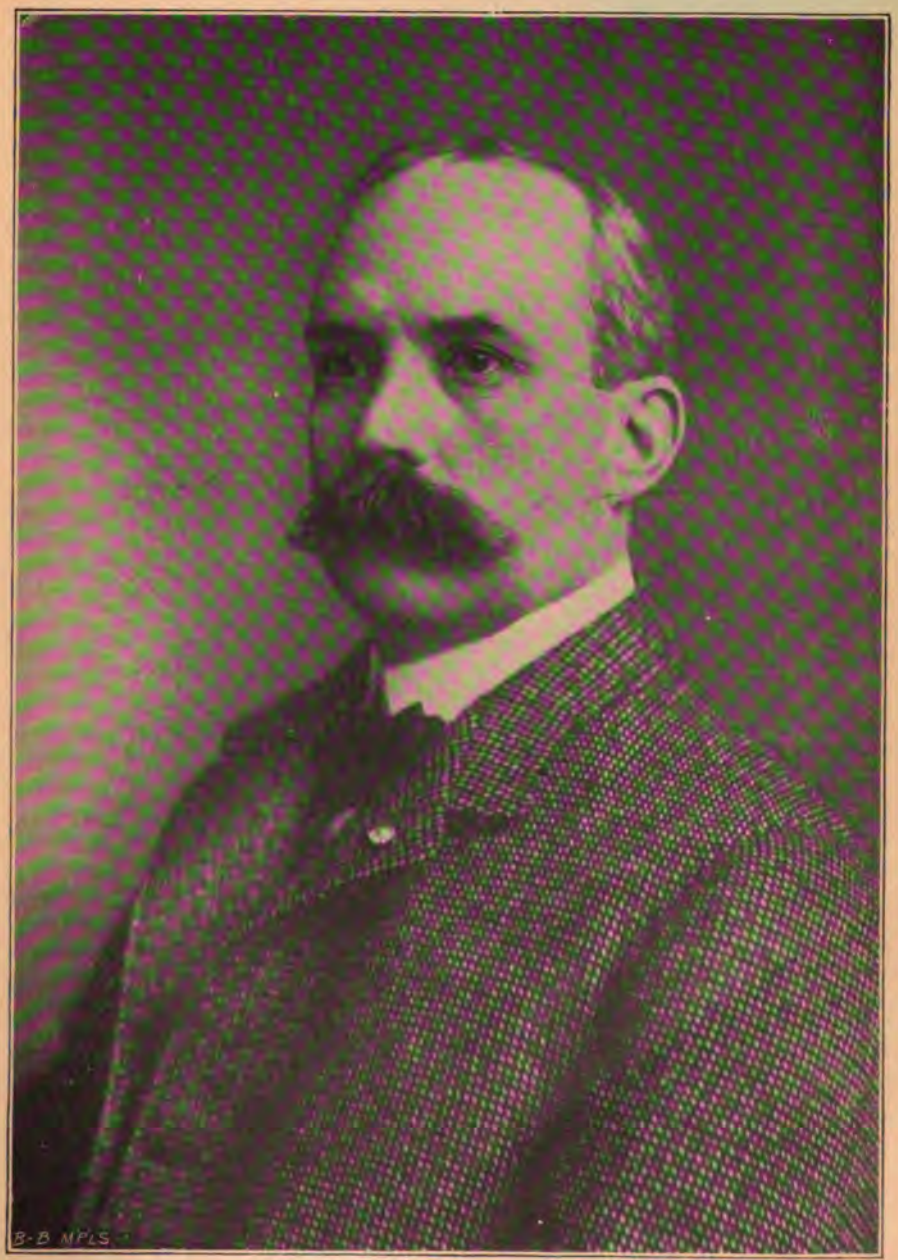
Illustrations.—We are glad to set before our readers an excellent likeness of the Moderator of our Association in 1901, the Hon. David Percy Jones, now the acting mayor of Minneapolis. In this office he is rapidly elevating the character of our city government. Our Moderator for this year declined to pose for our artist. We shall try a snap shot next year. The four houses of worship are samples of what can be done in our Northern Pacific Conference when our Church Building Society comes to our aid. The church at Fergus Falls is one of the most beautiful in the state.

The Time of Issue.—Many favorable circumstances have combined to enable us to send out these pages within a month of the close of our sessions. The matter is still fresh and is all worth reading.

Omission and Corrections.—A few ministers have removed from the state and failed to send their addresses to the secretary.

Any corrections for the Year Book should be sent early to the secretary.

Schedules for the Year Book.—These will be sent to pastors and clerks about Dec. 20. If not received before Dec. 25, please notify the secretary. It will be a great favor to the secretary if these schedules are carefully filled out and returned before Jan. 15, 1903.



HON. DAVID PERCY JONES.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR SESSION OF 1902.

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REV. ALEXANDER MILNE.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR:
GEORGE E. PERLEY.

SCRIBE:
REV. WALTER A. SNOW.

ASSISTANT SCRIBE:
REV. H. WILLIAM STILES.

SECRETARY:
REV. SAMUEL J. ROGERS.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:
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W. F. DECKER.

NOTICES FOR 1902-1903.

The next Annual Meeting will be held in St. Paul, Oct. 6th, 1903.
Sermon by Rev. Henry Holmes, Minneapolis.
Moderator, Rev. Samuel G. Smith, St. Paul.
Assistant Moderator, Deacon C. R. Andrews, Ada.
Secretary, Samuel J. Rogers, Minneapolis.
Auditor, John M. Norris, Minneapolis.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1902-1903.

BUSINESS.—Rev. J. Sidney Gould, Rev. Willis A. Warren and Nelson W. Clark.

FINANCE AND PRINTING.—Charles E. Wingate, D. D. Webster and E. S. Slater.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—Rev. E. L. Heermance, Rev. W. C. A. Waller, Prof. M. L. Burton.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.—Rev. W. H. Medlar, Rev. H. O. Judd, Walter N. Carroll.

PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL MATTER.—Warren Upham, Rev. James W. Strong, Rev. S. V. S. Fisher.

TEMPERANCE.—Rev. J. A. Eakin, John Edgar, Hon. David C. Bell.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.—Rev. E. W. Shurtleff, Rev. W. J. Brown, Rev. H. K. Painter, Rev. F. H. Richardson, Rev. F. H. Oehler, Rev. F. O. Krause, Rev. Allen Clark, Rev. J. W. Vallentyne, Rev. S. E. Lynd.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.—Rev. E. W. Shurtleff, Rev. G. A. Traut, Rev. Wm. J. Gray.

TRUSTEES OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY.—Rev. S. V. S. Fisher, Rev. Robert P. Herrick.

FOR VISITORS TO WINDOM INSTITUTE.—Rev. J. F. Taintor, Rev. F. L. V. Meske, Rev. Alexander Thom.

VISITORS TO CARLETON COLLEGE.—Rev. E. S. Pressy, Rev. E. W. Jenney, Rev. T. W. Barbour, Rev. J. P. Kerr, Rev. F. L. V. Meske, Rev. W. E. Griffith, Rev. W. M. Jenkins, Rev. C. H. Curtis.

INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT GEORGE AT CHICAGO SEMINARY.—Rev. J. Sidney Gould, Rev. James E. Smith, Rev. J. E. McConnell.

ON CHURCH FEDERATION.—Rev. Geo. R. Merrill, Rev. Samuel G. Smith, Pres. Cyrus Northrop, George E. Perley, Rev. Alexander McGregor.

FOR MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—Rev. L. H. Hallock, W. H. Laird, one year; Rev. J. F. Taintor, H. A. Scriver, two years; Rev Alexander Milne, three years.

COMMITTEES FOR THE SESSION OF 1902.

RESOLUTIONS.—Rev. Henry Holmes, Rev. William E. Griffith, J. M. Boxell.

PLACE AND PREACHER.—Rev. J. E. McConnell, Rev. C. E. Burton, Millard Fifield.

NOMINATIONS.—Rev. J. L. Taintor, Rev. Wm. H. Medlar, Nelson W. Clark.

MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The forty-seventh annual meeting of the General Congregational Association convened in the First Congregational Church of Fergus Falls on Wednesday, Sept. 17th, 1902, at four o'clock p. m., and was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Alexander Milne, of Duluth.

Prayer was offered by Pres. James W. Strong. Rev. Walter A. Snow was elected Scribe, and Rev. H. W. Stiles, Assistant Scribe.

The election of Auditor was referred to the Nominating Committee.

The Business Committee reported the program as printed, and requested that the rules be suspended and the order of exercises be as printed. Adopted.

The report of Secretary was read. Referred to the Committee on Printing.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

In presenting my first report, I wish to thank the Registrars of the Conferences and the pastors for the hearty co-operation given me in my work for the year.

As no instruction was given, the Committee on Printing thought it best to issue the minutes as early as possible and not wait for the statistics. As no preparation had been made for the printing before the Association, the minutes were not issued as early as desired, but were sent to the churches early in November. We hope this year to get them to the churches one month earlier.

The Statistical Report of the State for the Year Book was received at Boston February 25th—three weeks earlier than that of 1901. It might have been there one week earlier if the clerk of one large church had done his duty. The State of Mississippi was the first to report and was three weeks ahead of Minnesota. The reports of the churches ought to be sent to the Secretary before the last day of January, and the Secretary would suggest that the Association fix a limit to the time he shall wait for these reports. It seems unreasonable for any church to wait for its annual meeting. We

want the statistics of the churches for the year 1902 very early in January, 1903, and do not want any part of year 1903 included.

In the Summary of Statistics in last Year Book there appears a loss of twenty churches. Many of these churches had given no sign of life for many years and some were not connected with any conference.

There were over 1,800 additions to the churches and a net gain of more than 300 members. Some kind of a report was received from nearly 200 of the 216 churches, but some were meagre and incomplete. Of the 171 churches reporting contributions, there is an increase of $5,109. For Home Expenses 170 churches report an increase of $18,611.

The reports of the churches do not agree with the reports of the Treasurers of the Benevolent Societies. They never have agreed and probably never will, because church clerks and pastors do not take pains to be exact. The Secretary, with advice of Finance Committee, has recently purchased of Rev. Richard Hall a full set of the minutes of this body from its first meeting in 1856 at the moderate expense of ten dollars. The Association owes to our aged Brother a vote of thanks for so kindly parting with these volumes. As, bound in four volumes, they make valuable history concerning the successes and failures of our work in Minnesota. There are not, to my knowledge, more than two or three sets of these minutes in existence. The Secretary has felt for many years that the report of "The General Condition of the Churches" was unsatisfactory. I now know that our former Secretary must have had the same feeling, for he was trying to do what was impossible. Having received up to this date reports from less than half of the churches through the Conference Registrars, the Secretary, with advice of the Business Committee, refers to the Year Book for the latest information and asks further time. He will try to do better next year if the churches will help him. In place of the report of the condition of the churches, a paper will be presented on "Our Duty to the Association." This is given by special request of the Business Committee.

SAMUEL J. ROGERS, Secretary.

The report of the Treasurer, properly audited, was read, adopted, and ordered printed.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Receipts from Sept. 17th, 1901, to Sept. 15th, 1902:

Cash from Former Treasurer	$ 40.04
Anoka in full for 1901	319.56
Anoka on account of 1902	75.00
Duluth on dues of 1900 and 1901	33.82
Duluth on dues of 1902, in full	27.88
Central in full for 1901	62.32
Central on dues of 1902	43.00
Mankato in full for 1901	54.32

Northern Pacific in full for 1901	44.40
Minnesota Valley balance of 1900	12.05
Minnesota Valley in full for 1901	26.32
Owatonna on account of 1902	40.00
Western balance on 1900	18.20
Western in full for 1901	29.96
Winona on account of 1902	35.00
Total	$861.87

Expenitures from Sept. 17th, 1901, to Sept. 15th, 1902:

Bills of Business Committee of 1901	$ 47.49
Expenses of Dr. McKenzie	18.00
Printing of minutes, postage and mailing	184.36
National Council, balance of dues of 1901	155.54
National Council, on account of 1902	172.67
Salary of Secretary	100.00
Four volumes of Minutes of Association, and binding	13.00
Postage, express, stationery and printing circulars	14.00
Expenses of S. S. Committee of 1902	6.71
Total	$711.77

Balance in Treasury $150.10

Balance due the National Council for dues of 1902 $100.00

Dues of Conferences not yet paid, for assessment of 1902:

Anoka, balance	$241.36
Central, balance	14.80
Mankato	52.72
Minnesota Valley	30.80
Northern Pacific	46.68
Owatonna, balance	58.60
Western	28.36
Winona	28.56
Total	$501.88

SAMUEL J. ROGERS, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.
Sept. 15, 1902.

J. M. NORRIS, Auditor.

The report of the Finance and Printing Committee was presented and the recommendations contained were adopted, the report received and referred to the Printing Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND PRINTING.

Your Committee's estimate of expenses of Association for ensuing year is as follows:

For National Council	$280.00
Salary of Secretary	100.00
Printing of Minutes	160.00
Expense of Business Committee	40.00
Mailing Minutes	25.00
Postage, stationery and incidentals	20.00
Total	$525.00

To meet these expenses we recommend an assessment of three cents per member upon the churches, apportioned as follows:

Anoka Conference	$240.00
Central Conference	44.00
Duluth Conference	20.00
Mankato Conference	40.00
Minnesota Valley Conference	24.00
Northern Pacific Conference	38.00
Owatonna Conference	75.00
Western Conference	20.00
Winona Conference	48.00
Total	$549.00

As the dues of all the Conferences but one have been paid up for year 1901 and as that Conference has been much embarrassed by loss of churches and decrease of strength in others, we recommend that the balance ($23.73) due from Duluth Conference for year 1900 be remitted.

We are glad to report all the bills of the Association paid up to date and money enough in the Treasury and due from Conferences to meet the expenses of the Association up to April 1st, 1903.

Committee on Finance and Printing.

W. F. BLACK, Chairman.
C. E. WINGATE.
WM. A. GERRIE.

For the report of the condition of the churches, a paper by Rev. S. J. Rogers was substituted, upon request of the Business Committee. (See Report "A")

On motion of Rev. G. R. Merrill, all papers presented to this meeting of the Association were referred to the Committee on Printing.

The report of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution and By-Laws was presented by the chairman, Rev. L. H. Hallock. The report was accepted. (See Report "B")

On motion of Rev. Geo. R. Merrill, the Business Committee was instructed to call the next meeting of this Association for the first Tuesday in October, 1903.

Rev. Arthur H. Tebbits was then given five minutes in which to present the work of the Minnesota Children's Home Finding Society.

The following Committee on Nominations was appointed by the Moderator:

Rev. Jesse F. Taintor, Chairman.
Rev. Wm. Medlar.
N. W. Clark.

Resolutions relative to the proposed changes in Home Missionary Society regulations, presented by the Business Committee, were referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

The evening service was opened with a praise service. Scripture was read by Rev. M. B. Morris, and prayer was offered by Rev. W. J. Brown. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. Herman P. Fisher from the text, Acts 13:2, "As they ministered unto the Lord and fasted, the Holy Ghost said—Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." Following the sermon the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. Geo. R. Merrill and Rev. Wm. M. Jenkins. An offering was made for ministerial relief.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The Moderator called order promptly at 9 o'clock. Prayer was offered by Rev. E. C. Lyons.

Minutes of preceding day read and approved.

The Nominating Committee presented a partial report, which was adopted. (See Standing Committees.)

The Business Committee presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Church of the Pilgrimage, at Plymouth, Mass., being directly connected with the historic church in Scrooby, England, has "taken the preliminary steps towards the erection of a memorial church edifice in memory of the founders and defenders of the churches of our order in the United States, with the purpose to complete it, and to dedicate it in 1906—the 300th anniversary of the organization of the church in Scrooby, England," and

WHEREAS, The National Council at Portland, Maine, in October, 1901, endorsed the undertaking and commended the work to the interest of the Congregational churches of our country, regarding such a memorial as one peculiarly fitted to hold in honorable remembrance the founders of our religious and civil freedom; and

WHEREAS, The endorsement of the State Association of Congregational Churches in Minnesota is desired in order to bring the matter in an orderly and effective way before the churches of our state: Therefore,

Resolved, That the General Association of Minnesota, at this, its forty-seventh annual meeting, heartily endorses the undertaking of the Church of the Pilgrimage in Plymouth, Mass., and recommends this work as one worthy of the co-operation of the churches of this state, representing as it does the preservation of a precious heritage sacred to the churches of our faith and order throughout the land.

Resolutions concerning home missionary work in Northern Pacific Conference were presented by the Business Committee, and report was laid upon table till afternoon, when subject should be under discussion by the Home Missionary Society.

The Report of the Sunday School Committee was presented by Rev. Henry Holmes and received, and recommendations adopted. (See Report "C")

The report of the Chicago Seminary Visitor, Rev. J. S. Rood, was presented, adopted, and referred to Committee on Printing.

The report of the Committee on Windom Institute, Rev. Wm. Medlar chairman, was read, accepted, and referred to the Committee on Printing, and a supplementary financial report by J. M. Norris was presented and adopted. (See Report "D")

The report on Carleton College was presented by Dr. J. W. Strong and Rev. C. E. Burton. (See Report "E")

A devotional hour was in charge of Rev. W. A. Warren, who presented an exposition of II Cor. 6:14, 7:1.

Owing to the inabilty of President George to be present at this hour, the program was altered and Rev. W. J. Gray read a paper on Church Culture. Discussion followed.

The Nominating Committee made another partial report, which was adopted. (See Standing Committees.)

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Meeting of Minnesota Home Missionary Society.

THURSDAY EVENING.

After the praise service led by Rev. G. A. Traut, three addresses were delivered.

Rev. Robert P. Herrick, D. D., spoke upon "Faith the Requisite for Success." Rev. Geo. A. Hood spoke upon "Our Responsibilities in New Communities." Rev. A. N. Hitchcock spoke upon "China, the Siege, the Martyrs, and What Follows," using the stereopticon to illustrate. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. L. H. Hallock.

FRIDAY MORNING.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator. The minutes of the preceding day were read and approved. Prayer was offered by Rev. F. O. Krause, and on report of Nominating Committee, Committees on Place and Preacher, on Business, on Sunday Schools and Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor and Visitors to Carleton College were elected. (See Standing Committees.)

The report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence was pre-

sented by Rev. W. C. A. Wallar, and accepted and recommendations adopted. (See Report "F")

The Ministerial Relief Society reported through its Trustees, Secretary-Treasurer and Auditor, and reports were accepted. (See "Report "G")

The report of Committee on Preservation of Historical Matter by Rev. S. V. S. Fisher was received and a similar committee ordered appointed. (See Report "H")

The report of the Christian Endeavor Committee, by Rev. Chas. H. Curtis, was read and accepted.

The Committee on Resolutions made a partial report. See Re-Report "J")

Rev. Samuel G. Smith, D. D., of St. Paul, was unanimously elected Moderator, and Deacon C. R. Andrews, of Ada, was chosen Assistant Moderator for ensuing year.

Rev. Geo. M. Boynton, D. D., was then introduced, and spoke briefly upon the work of the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society.

President Joseph N. George, D. D., of Chicago Theological Seminary, delivered an address on "Preparation for Our Work."

Prayer was offered by Rev. M. B. Morris. A paper was then read by Rev. C. E. Burton upon "Work with the Young," which was freely discussed.

It was voted "To accept the invitation of Chicago Theological Seminary to send delegates to the inauguration of its president, on Oct. 20-21, 1902, and to refer the matter to the Nominating Committee."

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The first hour was occupied by the W. B. M. I.

The Moderator called the Association to order at 3 o'clock.

A supplementary report of the Committee on Nominations was adopted. (See Standing Committees.)

The Committee on Place and Preacher reported as follows:

1. We recommend that the Association go to St. Paul next year, providing the St. Paul pastors, after conference, can make arrange-

ments for the entertainment—the place of meeting being left for those pastors to decide.

2. We recommend for Preacher Rev. Henry Holmes, and for Alternate Rev. F. H. Oehler. The report was adopted.

Rev. Theodore Clifton, D. D., gave an address on "The Reason Why."

The report of Committee on Temperance was presented by Rev. R. H. Battey, and brief addresses upon the report were made by Mr. Battey, S. J. Rogers and Rev. Marion Darling. The report with one amendment was adopted. (See Report "K".)

It was voted that the appointment of the Committee of Arrangements be left to the officers of the Association. Under resolution of suspension of the rules, the Scribe and Secretary were instructed to complete the minutes. Prayer was offered at close of service.

FRIDAY EVENING.

The Moderator presided, and after a brief praise service, scripture was read and prayer offered by Rev. C. E. Burton. The Committee on Resolutions made a final report, and the resolutions concerning President Strong and those expressing thanks for favors at Fergus Falls were adopted by a rising vote.

President Dan F. Bradley, D. D., of Iowa College, delivered an address on "The Present Message for Congregational Churches." The Moderator made the closing address, expressing the thanks of the association. The pastor of the church, Rev. J. W. Todd, made some felicitous remarks, and closing prayer was offered and benediction pronounced by President J. W. Strong.

ALEXANDER MILNE, Moderator.
WALTER A. SNOW, Scribe.
SAMUEL J. ROGERS, Secretary.

ROLL OF THE ASSOCIATION.

ANOKA CONFERENCE.

Cottage Grove—Rev. J. L. Keene. *Excelsior*—Rev. G. Albert Traut. *Hutchinson*—Mrs. Hattie T. Lewis, Mrs. Samuel Fickling. *Minneapolis*: *First*—Rev. A. H. Tebbets, H. E. Coleman, John Edgar. *Plymouth*: Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock, John E. Bell, Nelson W. Clark, Mrs. L. H. Hallock, Edwin S. Slater, Rev. Geo. R. Merrill, Mrs. Geo. R. Merrill. *Park Avenue*—Clinton M. Norton, Mrs. Rosa O. Bristoll. *Pilgrim*—Rev. F. A. Sumner, Mrs. J. J. Buchanan, Mrs. R. L. Henshell. *Vine*—Rev. John S. Rood, Mrs. S. S. Sickles. *Como Avenue*—Rev. T. Robert Elwell. *Lyndale*—Rev. C. E. Burton, Rev. E. C. Lyons. *Fifth Avenue*—Rev. James E. Smith, Rev. R. P. Herrick. *Bethany*—Rev. M. B. Morris. *Lowry Hill*—Rev. Henry Holmes, D. D. Webster. *Oak Park*—Rev. Walter A. Snow. *St. Paul*: *Plymouth*—Rev. Geo. M. Morrison, Mrs. Frank A. White, J. W. Olsen, Miss Carrie S. Pond. *Pacific*—Rev. Wm. J. Gray, John M. Boxell, Mrs. W. F. Myron, Miss Jane Cochran. *Atlantic*—Rev. W. A. Vrooman, Mrs. C. B. Mount. *Park*—Geo. N. Lamphere, Mrs. Abbie J. Clapp. *University Avenue*—Mrs. M. L. Hull.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

Alexandria—Rev. William H. Medlar, Mrs. A. G. Mason, Rev. A. A. Thom, Mrs. H. J. Boyd, Millard Fifield. *Big Lake* (Union)—Rev. W. M. Jenkins. *Burtrum*—Rev. Elmer E. Cram. *Glenwood*—Rev. W. J. Brown, Mrs. W. J. Brown. *Little Falls*—Rev. W. C. A. Wallar, Mrs. O. C. Trace, Mrs. J. H. Anderson. *Monticello*—Albert M. Barker. *Sauk Center*—Mrs. Eliza Pike. *Villard*—Mrs. A. R. Allen.

DULUTH CONFERENCE.

Aitkin—Rev. William E. Griffith. *Brainerd*: *People's*—Rev. G. F. Morton. *Duluth*: *Pilgrim*—Rev. Alexander Milne.

MANKATO CONFERENCE.

Freeborn—F. M. Snyder. *Mankato*—Rev. Edgar L. Heermance. *Waseca*—Rev. John A. Eakin.

MINNESOTA VALLEY CONFERENCE.

Benson—Rev. S. Heath, Miss Hannah Peterson. *Campbell*—Rev. O. W. Roberts. *Graceville*—Rev. A. D. Smith. *Montevideo*—Wm. Dunbrock, L. G. Moyer. *Morris*—Rev. F. H. Richardson. *Tintah*—Rev. W. F. Trussell.

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Ada—Rev. H. Wm. Stiles, Mrs. Walter Topp, Mrs. H. W. Stiles. *Bertha*—Rev. John Peters. *Barnesville*—Rev. T. H. Lewis, Mrs. T. H. Lewis, Mrs. D. Gunness. *Crookston*—Rev. Herman P. Fisher. *Detroit City*—Rev. Marion Darling, W. W. Wilkins, Mrs. A. W. Blanding. *Fertile*—Rev. O. P. Champlin. *Itasca*—Myrtle Cummings. *Hawley* (Union)—Rev. S. E. Fish, Mrs. Jane Burrill, Mrs. S. E. Fish. *Lake Park*—Rev. H. J. Taylor, C. Lord, Mrs. L. W. Keech. *Moorhead*—Rev. J. P. Kerr, John Castain, Mrs. J. P. Kerr. *Pelican Rapids*—H. O. Hammond, Mrs. N. H. Bruce. *Staples*—Rev. F. N. Smith. *Wadena*—Rev. F. H. Oehler, Mrs. John Liddell.

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WESTERN CONFERENCE.

Marshall—Rev. J. W. Vallentyne. *Sleepy Eye* Rev. Thos. W. Barbour.

WINONA CONFERENCE.

Lake City—Rev. W. A. Warren, Mrs. W. A. Warren. *Rochester*—Rev. J. F. Taintor, Mrs. J. F. Taintor. *Wabasha*—Rev. W. B. Pinkerton, H. B. Jewell.

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Rev. Joseph H. George, D. D.....Chicago
Rev. Dan. F. Bradley, D. D.....Grinnell, Iowa
Rev. E. P. Crane.....Monticello

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OUR DUTY TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION,

By Samuel J. Rogers, Secretary

The followship of the State Association has come to us from a former generation. The pastors and delegates of the churches have met in this goodly fellowship for forty-six years. We have no record of any attempt to do away with these assemblies. We have changed the name of our body and the time of meeting, and have sought to improve the character of the services, but we have ever held on most tenaciously to the idea of fellowship in these annual assemblies.

Attendance has never been compulsory, but there has been among a large number of pastors and churches a strong feeling of duty. We are under obligation to attend these meetings. There is no choice about it. It is duty and there must be a very strong reason to keep us from attending every meeting. Neither fishing nor hunting should detain us. We should in every possible way try to keep people from having funerals or weddings in our Association week.

At Northfield, where we meet every decade, in year 1870 seven-eights of the pastors were present and there were delegates from about one-third of the churches.

In 1880 and 1890 one-half of the pastors were present, and three-sevenths of the churches were represented.

In 1900 three-fifths of the pastors were present and only three-eighths of the churches sent delegates. The attendance at these meetings varies in numbers from year to year, because the larger churches often send very large delegations, but it is evident that we do not often have more than half the pastors, and that we never see half the churches represented.

As far as our assembling affects the fellowship of the churches, it is a partial failure or only in part a success. The pastors do not attend as well as they did thirty years ago when railroads were few and long drives were the rule. Even when our Association has been held in the Twin Cities,

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churches in these cities have not been represented either by pastor or delegate. Pastors have come into the state and served one, two, and occasionally three years and never attended a meeting of the Association. There are some in the state now whose faces have never been seen in our annual meetings, and they seldom attend the local conference.

Many of us who attend regularly have a painful consciousness of one of the reasons for this state of things, and yet it is not always the man who is the most poorly paid that fails to attend.

Where there is a will there is a way, and if one will plan for it he will not often be defeated. It would be greatly to the interest of our Home Missionary Society if some special fund could be secured to pay a part or all of the railroad fare of the missionaries to enable them to attend these meetings. The efficiency of the churches, whether weak or strong, would be largely increased by the churches providing for the expenses of the pastor and at least one delegate each year. Very often it is the man or woman who most needs these meetings who cannot go because of the expense, while on the other hand the one who could be most helpful in the Association is kept at home by the same reason.

The opportunity of doing good makes it appear a duty to attend these assemblies. If not on the program we shall, if watchful, find many opportunities of using our influence for the Master.

There are new names and faces waiting for a word of cheer. Instead of spending all the time with the old friends, we might better use a portion of the time between the sessions in greeting and encouraging those who come to us for the first time. At my first meeting in 1880 at Northfield, I came as a stranger from another denomination. Scores of good men and women met me with kind words and made me feel at home, and in the twenty-two years that have passed I have attended twenty-two State Associations. It is, moreover, our duty to attend these meetings because of the good we may receive for ourselves and our churches.

The minister or delegate who reads the program and declares he will not attend because the themes are commonplace and "old dry-a-dust," or the newest graduate are to speak, does not exhibit good judgment. If he have not a touch of the big head he is tending that way. I am satisfied that there is no program so weak or commonplace, and no series of addresses so poor that one cannot get some inspiration for the hour and something to carry home and report to the church. It is not great and brilliant thoughts that we need,—it is rather new combinations of thoughts that in themselves are neither mighty nor brilliant.

Sometimes God uses a little child with a most disturbing question or a prosy old saint in the prayer meeting, in pious exhortation, to start a train of thought which brings out the best sermon. The program is only a small part of a good association. The Fellowship is the greater part. We extend our acquaintance and get interested in our neighbors' work and realize how small is our part of the work. We get acquainted with that new man from Jonesville who has been puffed in all the papers, and we learn for the first time of another quiet soul who has been in Smithville for a year

and has had a great awakening, and has been too busy to send an account of it to the papers. We hear these men speak and we try to take their measure.

Unconsciously we are on a still hunt for information and for the larger vision. We need these days of fellowship for the same purpose that the three Apostles needed the Mount of transfiguration. It gives us a wider outlook; we see the weak places as well as the strong in our state work, and we see how we are related to this work. We have discussions of grand themes and we do not agree, but when the discussion ends we see more of the divine harmonies of truth. One member has seen one phase of it and others have seen other phases, and in the end all have a broader vision. Scientists and educators meet often to make known discoveries and compare methods. We are scientists and educators in the highest sense, and should avail ourselves of every opportunity to obtain new light and get information about new methods. The monks of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries were dwarfs in intellect and the mere book worms of today who spend the whole time in the study and parish, and fail in the open vision concerning the work of the state and nation are only partially developed. They are in danger of nervous prostration. There is danger in isolation for the minister. There is loss of power for the church that is not in constant and loving fellowship with the churches of Conference and Association.

As the average length of pastorate in this state cannot be much more than three years, it is essential that the attendance upon meetings of Conference and Association begin early. It is, moreover, essential that pastors and delegates from all the churches attend these meetings because of the influence they have upon our educational and missionary work.

The large meetings at Northfield each decade have greatly deepened the interest in Carleton College. Windom Institute was lifted out of the slough of despond at the meeting of our Association at Montevideo, five years ago, when we had the largest attendance at any Association. Hosts of friends were made for the Institute who had before that known little of its history. We need stirring up every year by our Secretaries of the missionary organizations, and the pastors and delegates should take notes and report to the churches, and when the state minutes are received the pastor could profitably spend one Sunday in reading from them. It would be more interesting than some sermons. It would be a valuable study to have a paper at next Association comparing the benevolent contributions of the churches, with the attendance of delegates and pastors upon meetings of Conference and Association. The conclusions of such a study would be suggestive possibly startling, and with a tendency to irritate. We have no denominational organ in the state. The Advance and Congregationalist give but little attention to our work, and hence there is the greater need that we have reporters from every church at our meetings. There is need of agitation of this question.

It is on this very matter of fellowship where we should from the nature of our polity be strong that we are in danger. If we are not falling down, we certainly do not stand up.

Ministers cannot afford to stay away from these meetings or be irregular at the sessions. There is loss for every hour's absence, for the minister's example influences others. Gradually the churches will come to think of these meetings very much as the pastors think, hence the pastors ought to be more in evidence at our meetings. The absence of one-half or even two-fifths of the leaders in the work from this annual assembly does not encourage the churches, and hence we have the painful fact that we have never had at any meeting more than half of the churches represented by delegates. The Secretary realizes that this is not a cheerful substitute for a report on the state of religion. Only as a well-known optimist has he had the assurance to give you a view of the situation and suggest some remedies. When pastors and churches realize more fully the need of the fellowship, provided in our Conferences and Association, and are willing to make sacrifices to obtain it,—then, and not till then, can we expect reports from the churches that will enable the Secretary to give to you a clear idea of the condition of the churches.

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REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION,

To the General Association of Minnesota.

Fathers and Brethren: Your Committee entrusted with the revision of the Constitution and Rules of this body, respectfully reports as follows:

1. Many of the changes proposed have been approved by the practice of the Association in recent years, though not authorized in the letter of the law.

2. Other changes are suggested in the interest of conciseness and felicity of expression without essential change of matter.

Still others are offered in the line of progress toward greater efficiency.

1. In Detail—The name "Association" seems not in harmony with its constituent bodies, the "conferences."

2. Doctrinal basis is undisturbed.

3. Committees on Systematic Beneficence and on Temperance and other virtues entrusted to the judgment of the body.

4. Committee on Credentials made to conform to other Committees in number and character.

5. The change from September to the first Tuesday in October, a date made vacant by the recent change in the time of American Board meeting, brings the Association further from the disorganizing influence of vacation, and nearer to the fruitful season in the churches.

6. The position of the sermon in the programme, the time and duration, as well as leaders of devotional exercises, and the time of final adjournment, which varies with the localities, may well be left to the Business Committee.

7. The plan of collecting and presenting statistics, the compensation of the Registrar and the method of correspondence with other bodies, are also slightly changed, it is hoped for the better.

We bespeak for this revision your careful and unbiased attention, and judicious action at the next annual meeting.

Your committee suggest that the Business Committee be authorized to make this tentative draft operative for the next meeting if they so desire, and that it be printed in the minutes.

Respectfully,

L. H. HALLOCK,
J. H. ALBERT,
HERMAN P. FISHER,
Committee.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

OF THE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA.

[PROPOSED REVISION.]

CONSTITUTION.

NAME.

Article 1.—This Association shall be called the "General Association of Minnesota."

OBJECT.

Art. 2.—It disclaims all ecclesiastical power or authority, but aims to promote fellowship and co-operation among the Congregational Churches of Minnesota.

DOCTRINE.

Art. 3.—It is in substantial accord with the doctrinal statement issued by the National Council of 1883

MEMBERSHIP.

Art. 4.—Any minister who is a member of a Congregational conference in this State shall be entitled to a seat in this body; also two delegates from each church connected with such conference; with an additional delegate for each fifty resident members after the first hundred, conference registrars, officers of the Association, members of its standing committees, the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society, and of the Minnesota Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Interior.

Others present at any meeting, whose names are proposed by the nominating committee, may be made honorary members with all privileges of membership except voting.

OFFICERS.

Art. 5.—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator and Scribe elected annually by ballot at the closing session; an Assistant Scribe, and Auditor, chosen annually viva voce, and a Secretary, elected triennially by ballot, who shall have charge of the records, correspondence and statistics, and may also be Treasurer. They shall hold office until their successors are chosen.

COMMITTEES.

Art. 6.—I. The standing committees of this Association to be chosen annually, shall be a Business Committee, a Committee of Arrangements, a Committee of Finance and Printing, a Sunday School Committee, of three members each, and a Board of Visitors to Carleton College, including the Moderator of the Association with one representative from each conference. The Business Committee shall always have one member who has served upon said committee within the last two years. The minister of the church with which the annual meeting is held shall be a member of the Committee of Arrangements.

For each annual meeting there shall be Committees of three each, on Nominations, on Place and Preacher, on Resolutions, and on Credentials.

TIME OF MEETING.

Art. 7.—I. The annual meeting of this Association shall begin on the first Tuesday in October and close as directed by the Business Committee. Should an exigency arise requiring an extra meeting of this body, or a change from the appointed time and place, such appointment or change may be made by the Moderator, Secretary, Chairman of the Business Committee, and Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, or by three of these upon giving adequate notice.

AMENDMENTS AND RULES.

Art. 8.—This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, notice of such amendment having been given at the previous meeting.

Any rule of the Association may be temporarily suspended by a two-thirds vote.

RULES.

1. The annual meeting shall be called to order by the Moderator or Assistant Moderator, or in their absence by the Secretary, or the minister of the church with which the meeting is held.

2. The Secretary, with tellers appointed by the Chair, shall collect the names of members, of the church each delegate represents, and of the confer-

ence to which each minister belongs. On the following morning the roll shall be read, and the organization completed.

3. The Minutes of the preceding day shall be read each morning for correction, and the corrected Minutes shall be read for approval before the final adjournment.

4. Every motion, if requested, shall be reduced to writing, and every written motion, when seconded, shall be passed to the Scribe, who shall take charge of all reports presented to this body, and all papers received.

5. In debate, no one shall speak upon the same question more than twice or longer than ten minutes, except by vote of the body.

6. The Secretary shall collect the statistics from the conferences and churches, and present at the annual meeting an edited report of the religious condition and progress of the churches of the State, shall publish and distribute the minutes of this body, and for his services may receive reasonable compensation.

7. The Treasurer shall collect through the Registrars the funds due this body from the conferences, according to the apportionment made by the Committee on Finance.

8. The Business Committee shall prepare the program for the annual meeting and publish the same at least two weeks before the time of meeting. They shall also prepare the order of business for each session, designating the time when all papers and reports shall be received. They shall provide for at least one devotional meeting each day at a time favorable for general attendance. New business shall be introduced only through the Business Committee, except upon vote of the Association.

9. The Nominating Committees shall nominate officers and committees not otherwise provided for, and shall propose the names of honorary members.

10. The Committee of Arrangements shall make all local provision for the annual meeting.

11. The Committee on Finance shall approve all bills to be paid by the Treasurer, and shall estimate the expenses of this body for the ensuing year and apportion the same among the conferences, such apportionment to be published in the Minutes.

12. At the meeting of this body next previous to the meeting of the National Council, delegates at large and alternates, half of each to be laymen, shall be chosen to represent the Congregational churches of the State at National Council.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The matter of grading schools and the adoption of new systems of study are really one problem. The one necessitates the other. A system of lesson helps may be good enough for an ungraded system of study, and not at all adapted to graded study. The two questions really belong together, and we shall so consider them.

We recommend, first.—That in all our Sunday Schools there be continuity in study. One thing should lead to and connect with another. There should be less of skipping about. A course of instruction in the Bible ought to begin at a definite point and lead to a definite point. To begin nowhere and go nowhere is not inspiring in any line of study; why should it be attempted in Bible study? Desultory reading does not lead to broad knowledge in any other branch of literature. No more can it do so in Bible study. To go from the Old Testament to the New, and from that back to the Old, is not to reach any definite point. A subject ought to be treated and finished for that time, then another approached. The studies must be adapted to the age and capacity of the class, but always be followed out with the goal in view. Many things must be left to the teacher, to the local school, but the one essential law to be observed is that of continuity.

Our second recommendation is that all changes should be wrought gradually. Too serious a break may prevent the very thing we are trying to bring about. Nowhere is wisdom more needed than in making changes, no matter in what department of life. Schools are not prepared for sudden changes; teachers are not prepared for them; our system of helps will hardly warrant too sudden changes. Because we see in the distance things that are to be brought to pass, is no reason why we should drag them in today. The farmer foresees the harvest when he is seeding, but he does not attempt to reap until the grain is ripe. There are reforms which are sadly needed in our time, but to force them would be to bring disaster and to retard their final coming. Too great haste in our efforts to broaden and systematize the study of the Bible in our schools, may put off the much-to-be-desired consummation for many a long year. Growth into things is the safest method the world has as yet discovered. Head toward your desired haven, but do not try to vault into it. Plan to grade your school, to systematize the Bible study in your church, but do not attempt too much at first. This will stand as our second recommendation.

Our third recommendation is that each field be studied by itself. What we need is not uniformity, but method and system adapted to the particular needs of each separate field. My school may not need what yours does. Because one church needs every department of Sunday School grade, it does not follow that all churches do. A farmer is wise if he adapts his methods to the soil upon which he is at work, and to the grains and vegetables which he is trying to grow. The same simple wisdom ought to be used in our grading of schools and in our adaptation of lesson studies. There may be

danger in such elective work, but not so much danger as in monotonous uniformity.

It will be far harder to use judgment here than to accept what some one else has chosen, but it will be far more fruitful in the end. Consider what another has done, but do not necessarily copy his methods. It may be that some other method will be more fruitful for you. Do not feel ashamed not to have some form of organization that some sister church uses. Do not multiply machinery because others are doing so. Nothing sounds worse than machinery run to no purpose. And nothing wears more upon the nerves. Get a broad outlook upon your field. Study well the methods of other successful schools. Reach for continuity in your work. Be firm in your decision that only the best is good enough for your field, and then use your wisdom. If success will not come by way of that channel, it will not come at all.

MISSIONARY SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

The state Sunday School Committee has been in the habit of reviewing to some extent the work of the Sunday School and Publishing Society in Minnesota. In this connection for the present year we would wish to note the generosity of this Society in the way of furnishing general workers in Minnesota. The Society has allowed us the present year the whole or part of the time of these general workers, which is about double the force allowed in other states. They have extended this aid to work in Minnesota in view of the results obtained in the former years. It is needless to say that this large general force has been of great importance in caring for our smaller work throughout the state. We feel that it is incumbent on our churches to recognize more generally through their contributions the help of this society, and we recommend a forward movement in the church contributions to this work, which shall raise for its missionary efforts not less than $2,500 the coming year. The last financial year the state received $4,482.33 from the general treasury of the society. It gave back to this society $1,134.70, or about 25 cents against each dollar received from the society. Shall we not put at least 50 cents over against each dollar received the present year as our share of this missionary work?

HENRY HOLMES.
J. M. ANDERSON.

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FINANCIAL REPORT OF WINDOM INSTITUTE.

Sept. 17th, 1902.

To the General Congregational Association of Minnesota:—

In presenting the financial report of Windom Institute for the past year, we shall occupy but a short portion of the time of the Association.

Immediately following your last annual meeting, the officers and trustees of the Institute decided that its best interests would justify a deter-

mined effort to pay off the mortgage debt of $4,000, which had been resting upon the Institute for many years. In doing this the aid of the Congregational Educational Society was secured, and its Western Secretary, Rev. Theodore Clifton, devoted several weeks of valuable time to securing subscriptions for that purpose. Special thanks are due to Mr. W. H. Laird, of Winona, and Mrs. W. S. Benton, of Minneapolis, for a very large share of the amount raised, without which in fact the results could not have been accomplished.

The increased attendance of the past year (something like 33 1-3 per cent.) has of course required additional expenditures in the way of teachers' salaries, and some imperative repairs also called for considerable sums. Some of the pledges which were made have not yet become due.

For the coming year everything points to a much larger attendance than ever. Additional teaching facilities have been secured and every effort is being made to make Windom Institute more helpful in its influence and more thorough in its work in the cause of Christian Education in our State. Have we not a right to ask that the burden of this work, which promises so much for the farmers' sons and daughters, especially of that portion of the State, shall not be left entirely to a faithful few, comparatively, of our members and church?

The income tax of $1,250 which was retained from the Benton legacy, when paid has, we are glad to say, been ordered refunded by Congress, and our Endownment Fund will therefore within a short time be almost fully restored. We should have at least $25,000 more Endowment Fund and our officers are planning to secure the same result by obtaining Temporary Endowment Notes, the makers of which will guarantee 5 per cent. interest upon the principal sum for the next three years. This would secure the Institute an additional income during these three years of $1,250 per year and should nearly, if not quite, carry the teaching expenses of the Institute, leaving the current receipts for tuition fees to meet the ordinary current expenses and such improvements as may be required.

Should such a plan meet with the approval of the Association the friends of the Institute would be glad to have it sanctioned by action to that effect at this meeting. It is believed that at least 40 per cent. of this amount can be secured from the trustees and alumni of the Institution.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. NORRIS.

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CARLETON COLLEGE.

PRESIDENT STRONG'S ANNUAL REPORT.

It is thirty-five years this month since our educational work at Northfield began. The collegiate department was opened three years later,—September, 1870. The first decade, 1870-1880, brought the number of students

in the four college classes to 52, the second to 74, and the third to 232. During the third decade closing in 1900, the increase was 43 in the first five years and 115 in the last five years. The number of collegiate students up to the close of the last Academic year was 1,148, of whom 410, a little more than one-third, have been graduated. That no larger proportion have completed the course is due to various causes, among them these: Financial inability to go on; the great business pressure of this commercial age; the haste to begin professional life; the desire of parents that their sons shall graduate at their own Eastern Alma Mater; the special inducements offered by the State University to those who can unite the last Academic year with the first year of their professional course, as e. g. in the Medical Department,—thus saving a year in professional study. Our new Freshman Class entering last week, numbers now 101, while the four college classes contain 212.

Our Academy students have aggregated 3440, while the combined number of collegiate and Academy students has been 4134. The attendance of the latter has been, for various reasons, steadily decreasing during these later years, and question is not infrequently asked, "Why maintain this preparatory department?" The answer is, that for the present, at least, it is necessary as a feeder for the college. Nearly forty per cent of our collegiate students have come from our own Academy, whose course now covers four years. More than in some other northern States, such preparatory schools are needed in Minnesota to supplement the public education. The young men in our theological seminaries are nearly all from the Christian colleges. To them the classical course is as essential as the scientific course is to the prospective engineer; yet 318 high schools and graded schools of Minnesota are graduating but forty students a year, who are prepared for the classical course. There are coming to us every year, from all parts of the State, those who have wanted preparatory Greek, but could not get it. Some are looking forward to the ministry, but many others desire the classical course for its own sake. The earnestness of this desire is shown by the fact that they are taking Academy Greek, as an extra study for two years and a half, in addition to doing full college work. For several years these irregular students have constituted the larger part of these classes. Moreover, there is the same argument for a Christian Academy as for a Christian College. Life-choices are made and character is formed, quite as much during the year of preparatory study as of collegiate study. Carleton has had no larger opportunity for influence than with the nearly three thousand (2986) Academy students who have not entered upon her higher courses. Still it is for the higher education mainly that the college exists, and in that higher work it has been greatly blessed. Our standards are recognized as second to none, and our graduates are widely honored for their attainments and their right moral influence. The past year has been no exception to the rule that our collegiate life witnesses the quickening in spiritual life, and the broadening of character, of many young men and women who will make themselves widely felt for good. A special impetus was given, last year, to the religious life of the college by the Toronto Conven-

tion of missionary volunteers. A number of conversions have occurred and great interest has been shown in the various classes for Bible study. The State Y. M. C. A. Convention, held in Northfield under the auspices of the College Association, was the largest in the history of the State, as it was one of the most effective. During the holiday vacation, as usual, several of our students engaged with others from different institutions in evangelistic efforts in small churches, and they reported quite satisfactory results, as well as rich blessings for themselves.

The number of instructors has been 120. The faculty for college and academy now consists of twenty-three members, representing four New England and seven Western colleges. Twelve members of the collegiate faculty have rendered an average service of nineteen years, thus securing unity and continuity in the plans and growth of the college. The college classes are always under the direction of experienced instructors and never taught by tutors.

Of our graduates 135 are in educational work,—7 in State institutions, 32 in colleges and academies, and the others in high schools and graded schools. The demand for them is such that no alumnus wishing to teach is now known to us without a position.

It is gratifying to be able to record the fact that in the State oratorical contests, Carleton has won first place for the last four years in succession, and year before last, both first and second places. The opening last Spring of our new Athletic Field, which far surpasses any other in the State, and is the gift of Hon. W. H. Laird of our Board of Trustees, aroused much enthusiasm for the various forms of athletics. In the meets thus far held, Carleton has uniformly won the larger number of events. Both physical prowess and intellectual achievements are honored with us. For some years special instruction in physical training has been given to young women and to young men. To the latter a special building, well equipped as a gymnasium has been assigned; and to the former a large room in the Ladies' Hall. It is perhaps due to these provisions that sickness has interfered so little with our educational work. It is a remarkable fact, worthy of grateful mention, that during all the thirty-five years since the school opened, no death has occurred among the teachers, nor in the family of any teacher.

You will be pleased to learn that the proposed History of the College and of Congregationalism in Minnesota, is substantially completed. Rev. Dr. D. L. Leonard of Oberlin, editor of the Missionary Review, author of the History of Oberlin College, undertook the work with an enthusiasm which steadily increased as he proceeded. He was for seven years a pastor in Northfield, and a Trustee of the college, and so was especially fitted for the work. Within the year he has spent several weeks in the State, examining records and interviewing old residents, and we believe his volume will be of much interest and of real historic value. Its date of publication has not been determined.

It is with sincere pleasure that I refer, in closing, to the fact, known to most of you, that Carleton is soon to have a new President. In their earnest search for the right man, the Trustees were guided, providentially as they

believe, to the pastor of the South Congregational Church, Bridgeport, Ct.,—Rev. Wm. H. Sallmon,—whose natural ability, breadth of culture and successful experiences in different positions in various lands, seem to give him special fitness for the broad work to be done by Carleton College. He was unanimously elected, has accepted the position, and expects to enter upon his duties sometime in January next. He will be most cordially welcomed and heartily sustained. The work awaiting him is worthy of the entire consecration of any man. I shall retire from the position so long held, with sincere gratitude to God for the privilege of giving the best years of my life to a service which has been constantly attended with proofs of the divine favor; and with the prayer that the same favor, though in still more abundant measure, may make effective every effort which may be put forth by my successor in behalf of Christian education.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. W. STRONG.

September 18th, 1902.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

As at present constituted, with eight members scattered all over the state from Ada in the extreme north and Winona and Edgerton in the far southeast and southwest, a meeting of this committee was found impossible, and discussion or co-operation by letter is extremely burdensome and unsatisfactory. Most of the members of the committee declare themselves in no way especially fitted to devise or advise methods for improving our beneficent work.

The Chairman early in the summer addressed to each member the three following requests:

1. Express any definite views you may have as to the best way of moving toward our systematic ideal.

2. Describe any methods you or churches in your vicinity may be using successfully.

3. Should this committee next year consist of, say three strong men centrally located, that it may meet for deliberation, and make its report and recommendations of some real value to the Association?

In response to requests one and two a few definite views were expressed, and methods embodying the best features of common practice were described.

In the judgment of the Chairman the most deserving suggestion is contained in these words: "Let preachers practice giving. Looking down the column of benevolence, the churches as a rule do not give as much as the pastor should give alone."

Question three was answered unanimously in the affirmative, and in most cases cogent reasons were given in advocacy of a small, strong, centralized committee.

The Chairman, therefore, feels justified in making the following single recommendation to this body, viz.:

That three resourceful men, not widely separated geographically, be appointed by this body as its committee on systematic beneficence for the coming year; and that an expense fund for printing and postage, not to exceed ten dollars, be granted them from our treasury.

Signed for the Committee: W. C. A. WALLAR,
Chairman.

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THE CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY.

Secretary's Report.

The year has not been an eventful one with this society. The pleasing prospect in regard to the Society's property presented by the Secretary in his last report proved an illusion. The mortgage had been paid off, and there was good reason for expecting a moderate but regular income from our investment. It was the unexpected that happened. Careful investigation, in view of new tenants, brought to light a condition of things which made necessary immediate and extensive repairs. It was the unanimous opinion of the trustees that the most economical way out of the difficulty was thorough-going repairs; and these have been made. Then, too, special taxes have made the tax item a large one. These include sewer, sidwalk, curb and gutter. These things explain, in part, the differences in the treasurer's balances last year and this. If our debts were paid we should have only twenty-five dollars in the treasury. Another item in the explanation is that fewer churches have contributed this year than last, nine as against thirteen. Last year two Conferences contributed; this year only one. For some reason our Anoka Conference omitted her customary offering to this worthy cause at her last annual meeting.

The trustees have prepared and sent out to all the churches an appeal and are hoping that it will find its way to the minds and hearts of the pastors and church committees before the paper which conveys it finds its way to the waste-basket. The cause of Ministerial Relief has and can have no other source of supply than the Congregational Churches of Minnesota. If these are not interested and do not give, then this cause will not fare well. But if the rank and file of Congregationalists are to become alive to the welfare of this great interest the leaders must not be indifferent to their own cause. Only nine out of the pastors of the State seem to have had a practical interest in this matter this past year. Wake up, brethren!

The terms of two of the trustees expire with this meeting of the Association, those of Messrs. H. P. Roberts and S. V. S. Fisher.

Respectfully submitted,

September 16th, 1902. S. V. S. FISHER, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT—1901-1902.

Receipts:		
Sept. 20, '01—Balance at Annual Meeting	$142.23	
Sept. 20, '01—Collections at Annual Meeting	31.50	
Church Collections:		
Plymouth, Minneapolis	43.81	
Park Avenue, Minneapolis	19.19	
Lyndale, Minneapolis	8.77	
Belgrade	2.00	
Crookston	2.22	
Northfield	17.17	
Rochester	16.15	
St. Charles	3.20	
Worthington	12.30	
Northern Pacific Conference	10.77	
Total	$309.31	$309.31
Disbursements:		
Aid granted	$ 80.00	
Repairs on property	17.00	
D. P. Jones & Co, for repairs	135.00	
Stationery and supplies	10.00	
Total	$242.00	$242.00
Balance Sept. 16th, 1902		$ 67.31
Debit balance due D. P. Jones & Co		$ 40.15

S. V. S. FISHER, Treasurer.

The foregoing statement has this day been examined and found correct in every particular.

Minneapolis, Sept. 16th, 1902. HARLAN P. ROBERTS, Auditor.

To the Congregational Churches of Minnesota:—

Dear Brethren: We, your trustees, appointed by the State Association to administer the affairs of "The Congregational Ministerial Relief Society of Minnesota," beg leave to submit to you this statement:

In February, 1885, "The Widows' and Orphans' Society" was merged in "The Society for the Relief and Support of Aged or Disabled Ministers, and Their Families."

Under this name the Society ran along for fourteen years, up to September 26th, 1899, when it was incorporated as "The Congregational Min-

isterial Relief Society of Minnesota." During the years from 1885 to the present time the Society has paid to aged or invalid ministers, or their widows and children, the sum of $1,503.60. It has also come into possession of a piece of property in North East Minneapolis which is now unencumbered and worth, at a very moderate estimate, $2,000, which will give an income of about $150 a year. As the Society grows older the appeals for assistance are more frequent. Some such appeals have, within the last two years, come from the widows and children of ministers who, having served several years in Minnesota, had been obliged to go to other states to labor, and had died outside the boundaries of our state, perhaps, in a state where no Ministerial Relief Society exists. Because of the small amount, in any one year, put by the churches of the state into the hands of the Minnesota Society for distribution, the trustees have thought it wise not to give aid to one living outside of the state when the application is made, no matter what service has been given to the churches of Minnesota. Yet, the state in which the disabled minister, or his widow and children, may be living, may have no Relief Society, and the National Relief Society has a very insufficient income. This, however, must be the policy of your trustees, until the Society's income is larger and upon a more assured basis. It is safe to say that not more than fifteen churches in the state have contributed to this object in any one year.

The average salary of the Minnesota Congregational minister is $685. Exclude six salaries, each over two thousand dollars, and the average drops below $600. The salary of a number of our ministers does not reach $350 a year. Who can lay aside for a time of need from such a salary? Under conditions like these, when ability to work ends distress begins, if it did not before. This Society exists, not to pamper anyone, not to enable anyone to live at ease, but to ward off want and hardship. The Society has never given to any individual, in any one year, a sum to exceed fifty dollars.

Upon the basis of this statement the trustees appeal to every Congregational church in Minnesota to send one generous contribution each year to Rev. S. V. S. Fisher, the Treasurer of the Society.

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COMMITTEE ON THE PRESENTATION OF HISTORICAL MATTER.

Your Committee would gladly report progress in the gathering and filing of documents relating to the organization, life and work of the Congregational Churches of Minnesota, but documentary evidence of this sort could not be produced.

A former pastor of the Northfield Congregational Church has for some time had in preparation a history of Carleton College, which, it is understood, will before long be issued. Such a history must of necessity be somewhat a story of the Congregational Churches of the State, as the Col-

lege and the Churches have had much in common, and the threads of their life have been interlaced. But this volume, while a complete and satisfactory history of the College, can hardly claim to be such for our churches as a whole. It will not, therefore, render unnecessary further preparation for a fuller and completer review of the Minnesota Congregational Churches which may now be made. Now is the favorable opportunity for getting together the material of the beginnings of the Congregational Churches in all our borders. This period may not last long. Some of the pioneer laborers still abide in the flesh; but if they are to tell of their part in the great work, if they are to give of their personal observations and their experiences, it must be soon. Most of the Churches have yet a few charter members on the ground. These may now be interviewed. There are papers, addresses and letters now to be had, which will not always be at hand. It would seem feasible to appoint a small committee, a chief, who has the historical temper and knack, and two assistants to correspond with every church in the State, and get all that can be had, to interview the veterans who are yet with us, and reduce their stories to writing, and thus to gather valuable material which will soon be out of the reach of any one.

Your Committee is of the opinion that this work should not be dropped, but the rather encouraged. Respectfully submitted,

S. V. S. FISHER, Chairman.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the General Congregational Association of Minnesota accepts the new responsibilities placed upon it by the recent change in the Constitution of the Congregational Home Missionary Society; and that at this meeting and hereafter the Nominating Committee be instructed to report to the Association the names of the requisite number of persons to act as the representatives of Minnesota in the voting membership of the Society.

Resolved, That the general Congregational Association of Minnesota approves the movement endorsed in other states in favor of a State Federation of Churches; and that the Nominating Committee be instructed to report a Committee of five with power to join with similar Committees from the state organizations of other denominations in the formation of a Federation of the Churches of this State, auxiliary to the National Federation of Churches.

Provided, however, that the Committee so appointed shall have power to act with the representatives of not less than two other evangelical denominations in the State.

Resolved, That this Association heartily commend to the confidence and support of our Churches the Rev. C. M. Heard, D. D., and his move-

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ment inaugurating a plan of interdenominational religious development among our people under the auspices of the American Society of Religious Education.

Whereas, The Rev. J. W. Strong, D. D., LL. D., will soon have completed thirty-three years of service as President of Carleton College, and is about to retire to a well-earned relief from the labors and burdens of such a position, and

Whereas, The services of President Strong have never been limited to Carleton College, but have been given freely to every public good;

1. Resolved, That this Association put on record its appreciation of his services to the cause of Christ as a whole, to Congregationalism in general, and in particular to the Congregational Churches of this State.

2. That we recognize his influence as a factor in shaping the educational development of the Northwest, especially in Christian lines.

3. That we pray God to spare him for years of service among us, and to grant him the joy of seeing the College to which he has given his life work grow more and more toward his ideal.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due all contributing in anywise to the success of this meeting and to the enjoyment of those in attendance upon it; to the pastor of this church, whose wise and untiring efforts have been manifest throughout all the sessions; to the Programme Committee, to whom we are indebted for arranging the splendid programme to which we have listened, and to the Moderator, who, with such dignity and fairness, has presided over our deliberations; to this Church for its hearty co-operation and for the use of this beautiful house of worship; to the organist and singers who have added delights of music to our services; to the young ladies who, as ushers, welcomed us at the doors; to the families of this city, who have so royally and bountifully entertained us, especially to families not of our denomination; to the Presbyterian church for the use of its house of worship for the women's meetings; to the railroads for generous favors; to the public press of this city for courtesy shown; to President Joseph H. George, D. D., and President Dan. F. Bradley, D. D., for the stimulus of their presence and addresses.

Resolved, Further that these resolutions be spread upon the records of this Association and that the Moderator be instructed to convey in his own words at this closing session the thanks thus due to those who are entitled to them.

Submitted by Committee on Resolutions,

REV. HENRY HOLMES,
REV. WILLIAM E. GRIFFITH,
MR. JOHN M. BOXELL.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

To the Congregational Association of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Temperance respectfully submit the following recommendations:

1. That we approve in its essential features the Jepson County Option Dispensary Bill, which Senator Lowell E. Jepson introduced into the State Senate at the last regular session of our Legislature, and that we respectfully ask the incoming Legislature to pass such a law.

2. That we commend the Anti-Saloon League in its inter-denominational and omni-partisan principles and work, and bespeak for it the hearty co-operation and support of all Christian people of the state.

3. That we commend the work of the W. C. T. U. and other total abstinence societies of the state in the direction of promoting total abstinence, social purity and the welfare of our homes.

4. That every Congregational voter of Minnesota be on guard to favor the election of temperance men to office in the November elections, using greater diligence to act intelligently in voting for the best men only for office.

5. That we commend the Anti-Saloon League labors in connection with our State Legislature, and recommend the prompt and vigorous support of its work the coming winter to secure additional temperance legislation suited to the growth of temperance work in the state.

6. That prompt and constant action be taken by every Congregational church in Minnesota to secure and disseminate the very best temperance literature in the homes and gatherings of our churches, aiding and encouraging a more vigorous attention to the best temperance reform thought, and thereby discouraging and discontinuing, so far as possible, a class of worthless reform literature; that each church be requested to appoint a small committee of three or five annually to look after this matter.

7. That none but unfermented wine be used in observance of the Secrament of the Lord's Supper in our churches, thus avoiding possible temptations to the weak who may be afflicted with physical appetites for strong drink, and at the same time setting an example of purity and temperance to society in general.

Your committee hope that at the next annual meeting of our Association the general Program Committee will so arrange the order of topics as to permit at least a full hour for the needful discussion and agitation which the urgency of this cause demands.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD H. BATTEY,
WILLIAM J. GRAY,
J. A. EAKIN,
Committee.

THE CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Secretaries....Rev. Joseph B. Clark, D. D., Rev. Washington Choate, D. D.
Treasurer.....Mr. William B. Howland
Represented in Minnesota by.....Rev. George R. Merrill, D. D., Supt.

THE MINNESOTA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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Hon. Lyndon A. Smith.....*Vice President*

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Frank H. Carleton, Esq.....Term expires in 1903
Rev. S. G. Smith, D. D.....Term expires in 1903
Hon. Lowell E. Jepson.....Term expires in 1904
Rev. F. A. Sumner.....Term expires in 1904
E. D. Slater.....Term expires in 1904
Hon. W. H. Laird.....Term expires in 1905
Rev. Geo. M. Morrison.....Term expires in 1905

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

HELD AT

FERGUS FABLS, MINN., THURSDAY AFTERNOON, SEPT. 18, 1902.

The annual meeting was called to order by Pres. J. W. Strong.

The Scribes and Committees on Nominations and Printing of the State Congregational Association, now in session, were requested to act in their several capacities at this meeting.

Prayer was offered by Rev. E. P. Crane.

The annual report of the Board of Directors of the Society was read by Rev. Geo. M. Morrison, Secretary. Report was accepted.

The following resolutions were adopted after extended discussion:

Resolved, That the Minnesota Home Missionary Society do earnestly petition the Congregational Home Missionary Society to at once appoint or cause to be appointed an assistant H. M. Superintendent, whose field shall be the portion of the State lying along the north of the Northern Pacific Railway, extending from Duluth to Moorhead, and whose duty it shall be to visit and strengthen the newer churches in this portion of the State; and also to follow along the advancing line of settlement and of railroad extension in the extreme northern counties. This we do in the full persuasion that in this way only can our denomination be successful in the work of helping to plant Evangelical Christianity in this new but rapidly opening dominion of our common country.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Society that in present conditions the minimum Home Missionary salary in Minnesota should be advanced to $700, besides the use of a house; and that aided churches be called upon to make special efforts to increase their subscriptions to an amount that with the Home Missionary grant shall reach this minimum.

Rev. Geo. R. Merrill, D. D., State Superintendent, presented his annual address, which was accepted and referred to Printing Committee.

The Nominating Committee made the following report:

For Directors—To fill vacancy made by removal of Rev. H. L. Chase, E. S. Slater; to succeed himself, W. H. Laird; to succeed himself, Rev. Geo. M. Morrison.

The Directors nominated were elected by ballot.

The Scribe was authorized to complete the minutes.

WALTER A. SNOW, Scribe.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MINNESOTA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

During the year ending Sept. 1, aid has been recommended for fifty-six fields, including about 100 preaching places. In these 57 men have preached to 4,160 people. To the church membership of these fields 363 have been added; ten houses of worship have been built or repaired; over $1,100 has been contributed for beneficences. As compared with last year the average appropriation has been a trifle larger—$152 in place of $144.

Twenty-two fields found in last year's list are not upon that of the year just closed. Of these, eight have gone upon the Honor Roll; in one work has been discontinued for the present; three have transferred their relations to other Christian fellowships; eight have failed to make application for aid during the year for lack of pastors. Of these eight four have no regular supply and four have kept up their services without calling upon the Society for aid. The usual number of students have been employed as summer supplies, but, except in two fields, without expense to the Society.

Of new names upon the list there appear fourteen, four of which represent communities heretofore served in connection with some stronger church, but now become themselves centers; one has been temporarly without aid; three are self-supporting churches, obliged to ask for temporary aid, and six are communities where the work is either altogether new or an occasional and intermittent work is made permanent.

A large amount of extension work has been done by Home Missionary pastors without the asking of any additional aid.

In the Southern half of the State there are at least seven fields where organization is desired, and where if suitable men were available, the outlook would be unusually favorable. The Northern part of the State, whose demands will be presented to this meeting in other ways, has received much consideration from the Directors. The field for purely missionary endeavor is a magnificent one, and we ought to do our share in its cultivation. Yet, a wise caution and restraint in the organization of churches would seem to be demanded not alone because of limitations of funds at our disposal, but also from the experience of the past. At its last meeting the Board unanimously recommended to the Society at New York the appointment of another General Missionary for service in the Northern Central portion of the State.

The year has been sadly noteworthy in the number of fields where the Christian community, which only knew that it was gathered in Christ's name, has been invaded by sectarian zeal.

As heretofore, the work of the general missionaries has commended itself to the Board.

As the financial year of the Society is not the same as the year of this Association, it is impossible to say with exactness how much of an approach has been made to the $10,000 with which, as the Society voted a year ago, with so unanimous a voice, our second half-century should begin. This much is evident: There has been an increase in contributions, notably from the smaller churches. The amount sought is within the possibilities of our constituency, and with the greater prosperity of the year, we should not fall far behind it.

During the year a vacancy in the Board has been created by the temporary removal from the State of Rev. H. L. Chase, and we have filled the place until this meeting by the election of Mr. Edwin S. Slater, of Plymouth Church, Minneapolis.

We take satisfaction in recording that the discussions of the Board between its members and with the Superintendent are always frank and

free and that, generally, from divergent opinions, we have been able to arrive at unanimity of action. A notable aid to the Board in the performance of its work has been the full manner in which the Superintendent has reported to us his work and personal contact with the field and workers. We have often felt the difficulties in the apportionment of funds unequal to the needs of the fields, and yet it has been a privilege to be brought into intimate relations with the noble work wherein you are showing your fellowship with the churches which are serving in the newer or harder fields.

In behalf of the Board,

GEO. M. MORRISON, Secretary.

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S ADDRESS.

GEORGE R. MERRILL, D. D.

The work of the Congregational Home Missionary Society in Minnesota has measured the first year of its second half century.

The old problems that have their difficulty in the overwhelming concern for material things, and in the imperfect sanctification of good men and women, are with us, not one whit less troublesome than in the previous half century.

THE SPECIAL PROBLEM OF THE YEAR: TO FIND MEN.

The special problem of this year has not been the financial one. The continuance of the appropriation at the same amount as the previous year has allowed the Executive Committee at New York to approve every recommendation made from Minnesota, and no application has failed of recommendation by the Minnesota Directors and the Superintendent because of lack of funds. This state of things would not have been possible but for the exceedingly careful work done by the representatives of the churches, who made the schedule, in anticipating the possible demands.

No fault is to be found at this time with the response of the churches to the call for increased contributions. In many cases it has been well up to the limit of ability, and from all it is becoming more generous as the facts of the situation become known.

The contributions of the churches, exclusive of legacies, for the year ending March 31, were twenty-eight dollars in advance of the previous year, the Jubilee year. And while it seems very likely that it may need a couple more years of patient and persistent work to reach the Ten Thousand Dollar mark that we have set, there is no doubt that we shall reach it.

Our special problem for the year has been to find men; and not ours only, it has been the problem of the whole northwestern missionary field. Apparently there will be no relief from its presence until necessity compels the churches to a more adequate support of the pastors they have, and

prayer to the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into his harvest.

A GOOD YEAR.

The year past has been one of gain in the aided churches, with the exception of those that have been pastorless, and in them the faith and patience of the people have been, in most cases, "as becometh saints." Immediately after the last annual meeting the Society commissioned Rev. Allen Clark as missionary in Beltrami and Itasca Counties, and upon this beginning made, at the outset of the new period, in what for many a year to come will be Minnesota's mission field, the evident blessing of God has rested.

The several Conference Committees have done valuable service this year, not only in the careful and intelligent advice they have given concerning appropriations, but even more in their friendly fellowship with the churches aided and the assistance they have rendered in the attempt to advance our standard for the Home Missionary offering.

LOOK OUTSIDE MINNESOTA.

It is possible that we are losing something by the exclusive way in which we fix attention upon the needs and work of our own great state; that a sense of partnership in the larger work throughout the land would help us. It is the Superintendent's hope to do something the coming year to magnify the larger work and to connect our particular service with it. A beginning will be made in a month's tour in the state by Rev. L. P. Broad, formerly the successful H. M. Superintendent in Kansas, and Mrs. Harriet Caswell Broad, whose relation for many years to the Woman's Home Missionary work of the country has given her a large place in many hearts.

THE WORK OF HOME MISSIONS A SPIRITUAL WORK.

Our study this afternoon is to be of facts and methods largely. But it rests upon the position that the work of Home Missions is a spiritual work, whose success is not to be measured by services held, or buildings erected, but by the development of living bodies of Christians by whom spiritual power is actually exercised in communities, and the graces of a spiritual life illustrated.

As mechanical forces never can produce anything but mechanical effects, spiritual products cannot become except by spiritual forces. The factor of power in the work of Home Missions is the spiritual factor. It is not the only factor. It is joined with and multiplied into the growth of population, material prosperity and denominational zeal. But without it not all of these together will accomplish the work. We put this down at the outset, that it may be understood that it controls the interpretation of all that follows.

CONSIDER THE EASTERN GIVER.

Money must be provided to carry on this spiritual work; men found who are willing to be pastors and missionaries. Thus far, Minnesota has

not appeared to herself able to assume the responsibilities of these things, but has depended upon the Home Missionary Society. This gathering of churches is the evidence how freely and generously the Society has met the needs of the state.

But, therefore, our discussion of our present situation, and our plans for the future, must be, not alone from our point of view, but also somewhat from the point of view of the Eastern giver on whom the Society depends for its ability to help us.

UNWELCOME FACTS.

Gathered as we are at what was the picket-line only thirty years ago, we look beyond what has been our "region of influence" for thirty years, into a new region where, in God's providence there appears to be a work waiting for us, to be done wisely or unwisely, with profit or with loss. It is both natural and proper that the facts that present our problems of today should be from the zone in which we now are.

The church with which we meet was gathered in 1872, and the movement of our Society is to be traced northward to the line of Cass Lake and Bagley. I am quite sure the facts concerning our work in this region will be as unexpected and unwelcome to you as they were to me, who had supposed that I knew Congregational Minnesota pretty well.

Expressed in the briefest and plainest way possible, the first set of facts is as follows:

In the last thirty years the Congregational Home Missionary Society has contributed to the support of religious work in Minnesota, north of a line running through Fergus Falls, in ninety-two different places. In each of these there must have been people, more or less; there must have been some promise or hope for the future.

Of these places in which Trust Funds were expended for the specific purpose of planting permanent centers of spiritual power there are,—

a Eleven in which this purpose has been realized.

b Four where there is good promise for the future.

c Fifteen where the result must be considered doubtful.

d Sixty-two, or two-thirds of the whole, in which the work failed.

HOW ACCOUNTED FOR.

This astonishing mortality of churches, sixty-two out of ninety-two, challenges our investigation. To attempt an individual study of the sixty-two failures is evidently impossible, but there are certain things to be said of them in the way of summaries.

1. The work failed in some of these places because the place itself failed. The settlement may have had no solid basis at the first, or it was made before the incoming of railroads, whose entrance changed the whole situation; or the mills that made it were burned and not rebuilt. Nobody

was to blame for it, but the moral is very obvious, especially as now we consider the hasty and abnormal movement of population to the north of our previous work. We ought to learn from experience, and the mistakes that have been made between Brainerd and Cass Lake should not be repeated between Cass Lake and the Canadian line. The organization of churches in advance of the railway is generally to be avoided. Let us have as many missionaries in the new region as we may, doing the work which our missionary in Beltrami and Itasca Counties is doing. Let each missionary cover as much ground as he can, establish as many preaching stations as he can regularly visit. But let us not make organizations of churches till the advent of the railway fixes the center of population for a district. At that center we may put our organization and connect with it as many preaching places as one man can minister to.

2. Some of them have failed because not provided with meeting houses of their own; lacking these, they have regarded themselves as experiments, and have not been taken seriously by the communities in which they have been. There have been but few of these because no church that had even life enough to make an appeal for help has been refused aid by the Church Building Socity, to whose generous assistance Minnesota is so much indebted.

3. Some of our failures have been due to a change in the population. The English-speaking people have moved and their places have been taken by those of foreign speech. The problem presented by these towns, and their number is increasing in Minnesota, belongs more fitly, perhaps, to the Superintendents of the Scandinavian and German Departments.

4. A considerable number of these churches failed for lack of efficient supervision.

It is the strength and commendation of our way of church life that we can unite all the Christians of a community into one church, in whose freedom all can take part, and for whose work and order all shall be responsible. But this our strength is near our weakness. The majority of those so gathered have had their previous Christian living in fellowships where responsibility has been borne for them, where they had only to do and pay, as they were bid. Accustomed as they are to dependence on ecclesiastical superiors, they require to be led out and trained for freedom and self-government. Such training directed by competent pastors finds ready response.

The difficulty has been that, in the scarcity of men willing to do foundation work, a large number of the pastors have come from those whose previous relations had been the same as those of the people. Good men and faithful preachers they have been, but they have been accustomed to take orders, to work under authority on the one hand, and on the other, to exercise authority. They have an equal need to be taught how to take the initiative, to assume responsibility, and to do it "not as lording it over God's heritage."

I am persuaded, from the investigation I have made, that a large share of the failures of this class might have been prevented, if there had been

in the midst of these churches a missionary who could have been in very constant contact with them, to lead them into the manner of life becoming a fully endowed and competent church of Jesus Christ.

5. Some of these churches failed because men could not be found to become their pastors. Concerning this something will be said farther on.

6. But all these together will not account for the facts entirely. There are fields in the state where in the face of all these difficulties together, except the first, there has been continuance, growth and spiritual power. It appears probable that a considerable number of these enterprises failed because they were undertaken with a view to other than spiritual results; because the motive that prompted their beginning was to boom a town and sell land rather than to glorify Jesus Christ; and because, during the short term of their existence the spiritual factor was either altogether absent or was not allowed to be the ruling factor.

Pausing for a moment at this place, we ask the lessons of experience so far. It is possible they will be modified by later investigation, but now these three seem very plain:—

1. It is a waste of Trust Funds to use Home Missionary money to occupy a country with churches in advance of settlement, for the sake of holding it for the future; or, unless there is a nucleus of men and women who desire a church for spiritual results.

2. It is not wise to organize churches unless it is probable that they can be furnished with the sort of supervision, pastoral or missionary, that is necessary.

3. It is probable that a portion of the Home Missionary apportionment of each year should be set apart for distinctively missionary work, i. e., work from which there is no expectation of securing churches in the immediate future.

CHURCHES OF DOUBTFUL FUTURE.

Turning now to the thirty living churches that are the product of our work, there appear to be among them fifteen, or one-half, whose success is doubtful:

1. They are in communities out of which the English-speaking element is rapidly drifting. In some of them it is only the question of a few years when those who speak other tongues will possess the place entirely.

2. They are in communities where at the beginning people of various denominations were gathered in the name of the Lord Jesus into one church of the town. The future was then doubtful. Now it has become evident that it has come to stay. The church of the town has acquired its building and parsonage, and it seems possible to think of it as reducing its call for help. Then, the spirit of sect, imported generally from without, breaks into the fellowship. Members formerly affiliated with another denomination are drawn off, either by pressure upon their ecclesiastical conscience, or

by the promise of better preaching and more help. The Christians of the town are divided and the original church weakened almost to extinction.

These churches set before us two problems; how are they to be solved? Is the solution of the first in anticipating the evil day by securing pastors who can preach in tongues, who will hold the nationalities by their own speech, while they are acquiring the habit of English speech? It seems possible, if only the men were available; but where are the men? And where is the solution of the problem continually presented by the spirit of sect? Will it be found in the State Federation of Churches?

THE FRUIT-BEARING BRANCHES.

Eleven churches in this zone have come to self-support, and by their fruit are justifying, in some good measure, the $60,000 of expenditure that has nurtured them. How far does their success emphasize the warnings that have come to us? What lessons do they bring us? What is their special relation to the future?

It will be found on examination that they are not all in large towns. They are all, however, in communities where the English-speaking element is strong enough to hold its own. Their members are by no means all of English-speaking decent. Often their Trustees and Deacons and prominent men and women are those who have just pride in their Scandinavian or German parentage. There is more than one of them that is solving, in a most hopeful way, the problem that has twice come before us of the foreign-speaking peoples in the community.

This seems to emphasize the conclusion that an English-speaking nucleus, with a good prospect of permanency, is to be sought for in the location of our work.

With hardly an exception these eleven churches have seen the importance of a trained and permanently continued ministry; they have been willing to sacrifice to secure it; they have been patient with ministerial infirmities to continue it. The comparative steadiness of the pastorate in these churches has given time for influence to grow, and has commanded the respect of the community outside the church.

The history of that portion of the work that has passed out of sight—except in a case or two of violent death—has been the exact opposite, so far as the ministry was concerned.

It seems to follow that the question whether a work rightly planted shall live or not, is not so much a question of soil, as of spirit and leadership.

WANTED:—TRAINED MEN.

This brings us to another problem, likely to become even more perplexing than it is now, the problem of leadership of men.

Not only by our history and tradition, but by our conception of the church and its work, we require a special type of man for leadership in it.

If the work in which the Society aids communities is to maintain a

man who is a good citizen and neighbor, who can interest people on Sunday by addresses more or less religious, that is one thing, and securing men who can do it is one thing.

If, however, we conceive of our work, as the establishment of intelligent centers of spiritual power, institutions that shall be strong enough to mould and control social and civil life for righteousness, that is quite another thing, and calls for another leadership. That demands the trained man; the man of skilled knowledge, both of human nature and of all Scriptures, and so able to lay, even in the wilderness, well and true, the foundations of a city of God.

The Home Missionary work in the older states and in the older sections of this state has been done by such men. The churches that are coming to strength in this zone have been and are led by such men.

But for today and the future, the output of trained men of this sort, prepared for our work, is utterly inadequate for the demand.

What shall we do for the future that is close upon us? Shall we be content to do only so much work as we can do level and true and abiding, limiting the increase of our work to the workmen who are fit to lead in it? Or, shall we give up our standard of work, and be content to form and support churches without personality, with no distinctive reason for what they are, because of their leadership? There is much to be said on either side. And Conference Committees and donors to Home Missionary funds ought to have some convictions on this matter.

TRAINED MEN COST MORE.

Further, a trained man is more expensive than an untrained one. You have done well in expressing your view that the minimum Home Missionary salary should be seven hundred and a house. But unless I greatly mistake, this will hardly prove sufficient, save as a minimum. The figures of the year past, leaving out fields supplied by students or where work has been done only a part of year, show that fifty pastors received an average of $615 as salary; that of these 21 enjoyed the use of a parsonage.

To make the minimum salary of a Minnesota Home Missionary $700 and a house, will require about $4,240 advance, or if the churches do what may fairly be expected of them, about $1,500 additional Home Missionary aid.

Now it can hardly be expected that while Alaska and the great Southwest and Cuba are waiting and are virgin soil, that Minnesota can reasonably anticipate, whatever may be desired, with the present income of the Home Missionary Society, a larger appropriation than is made for its work at present.

The natural advance to self-support of the aided churches in the southern and central portions of the state will, however, largely supply the means needed for the increase in our present field.

The important bearing of this upon the new work that is to be done is in the direction of careful, central investment.

FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE ADMINISTRATION.

We must train ourselves to look at the work not simply with our own eyes. We, on the field, must try to see somewhat with the eyes of the administration at New York, charged with their great trust for the whole nation, and of the Eastern churches that contribute to the treasury. It is only in that way that we can ever hope to make them see with our eyes. When these scan the returns, and figure out the details, as they do most carefully, they say that Minnesota does not believe in its own work and in its own future, else it would do more for itself.

No amount of asseveration or strong resolutions is going to affect the judgment of these men.

If we would have them believe in the work in New York, the people who are on the edge of it and in the midst of it must show that they believe in it by taking stock in it as they do not now.

MORE FACTS.

What are the facts recorded concerning the last year reported in the Year Book? I do not put them down in any spirit of fault-finding, but simply to make you realize the impression that is given at the center of administration.

The eleven churches of this zone that have attained self-support, in whose membership are men of standing and substance in the places where they live, who are closest to this new opportunity and demand and presumably estimate it at its real value, contributed to Home Missions $408, and of that one church contributed $202. This is nearly two-thirds of one per cent interest on the Home Mission investment in them, and would fall short considerably of supporting the one worker at present in the northern field.

I am not saying these things, Beloved, to make you ashamed. I can make explanations and excuses for you, and I do it. But we are looking at things through Eastern eyes, and we ought to realize that, whether it is just or not, such a showing makes the impression that Minnesota people, who are nearest this work, and pass resolutions asking other people to put money into it, do not believe enough in it themselves to make as much investment in it altogether, as scores of their members have made individually in copper mines and oil stock.

MORE RELIGION WANTED.

No doubt if we had more religion, were really counting the Kingdom of God first, were more with the heart of Jesus Christ, one of the incidental manifestations of it would be a good deal more money in the treasury of the Lord.

There is a church in this state made up of earnest simple folk, who, far away from their native land, have come into the liberty of Christ. In their delight in a free country, a free church, and a free salvation, they

count themselves bound to spend at least as much for Christ's cause away from home, as for their own current expenses in maintaining a church home. Have they too much religion, or is the grace of Christ working in them in an abnormal way? Would it not be well if it were working in us in the same way?

And this brings me to the saying, that for the problems I have indicated, and for a number of other problems that beset our work and make it difficult, there is no solution but in the deepening of the religious life, a genuine revival of religion; if I may venture to use a term of which some people are afraid and which seems to be dropping out of the religious vocabulary of many.

That genuine revival of religion—I do not mean an evangelist or meetings; I am not speaking of methods, but of real things—that genuine revival of religion in your church will transfigure it and give it a grip on the community that no "schemes" can secure. It will settle the local financial question as nothing else will. It will allay restlessness and keep people with you. It will give you the heart and the way to reach people of another language, instead of giving them up as an insoluble problem. It will stay jealousies and rivalries, so that you who are now divided can work together. It will lift you from a poor, struggling social club, on a lower level now than a dozen "lodges" to the unique position of a body of Christ.

A genuine revival of religion throughout the state will put an end to sectarian intrusions and make comity something more than a name.

A genuine revival of religion will lead fathers and mothers to consecrate their children to the ministry of the Gospel. It will extend even to the Theological Seminaries and will fill students with heroic ambitions for service for Christ.

The factor of power in Home Missionary work is the spiritual factor. The deepening of the spiritual life which is the fruitage of the genuine revival is the one thing, and the only thing, that, co-operating with other forces will make our work a success.

FOR THE MINISTERS.

This deepening of the spiritual life should begin in us who are in the ministry, and it should begin forthwith.

I am not saying this in order to escape from a practical answer to practical problems. With all my heart I count this the only practical answer. I am so sure of it, that if you will promise me in this coming year a tide of spiritual life deepening the waters to their utmost possible depth, I will promise you fertility all over the state.

LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE MINNESOTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Names in SMALL CAPITALS are of fields that are expecting to be hereafter self-supporting.

Sept., 1901-1902.

FIELD.	MINISTER.	MONTHS.	AMOUNT.
Aitkin	W. E. Griffith	12	$150.00
Akeley	L. D. Arnold	15	311.66
Appleton—Correll	E. E. Webber	12	150.00
Bertha—Clarissa	J. Peters	12	175.00
Bagley—Solway—Shevlin	C. F. Bloomquist	12	240.00
Belview—Seaforth	F. R. Snowden		
	W. R. MacLane	12	150.00
Big Lake—Orrock	W. M. Jenkins	12	80.00
Beltrami and Itasca Counties	Allen Clark	12	300.00
Biwabik	S. Topham	1½	25.00
Brainerd, People's	Geo. F. Morton	12	200.00
Burtrum—Grey Eagle—Pillsbury —Swanville	E. E. Cram	12	170.00
Cass Lake	F. N. Smith	12	280.00
Cambria, Salem	I. Jones	12	130.00
Climax	Thos. Dyke	12	100.00
Clearwater	Richard Watt		
	Arthur Davies	12	90.00
COTTAGE GROVE	J. L. Keene	12	100.00
DAWSON	R. S. Cross	12	100.00
Dexter	Paul Winter	12	100.00
Fair Oaks	A. E. Barnes	12	30.00
Fertile—Maple Bay	O. P. Champlin	12	150.00
Fosston—McIntosh—Erskine	T. E. Horton	3	30.00
Garvin—Custer	C. A. Ruddock	10	81.66
	W. A. Taylor	12	125.00
Granada	C. E. Nelson	12	120.00
Graceville	A. D. Smith	12	115.00
Hopkins	J. B. Richardson	12	200.00
Kragness	D. G. Colp	12	75.00
Lake Benton	M. J. P. Thing	12	100.00
Lake Park	A. A. Thom	1½	18.75
	H. J. Taylor	12	165.00
Lamberton	C. A. Ruddock	12	125.00

FIELD.	MINISTER.	MONTH.	AMOUNT.
MADISON	W. Blackwell	12	100.00
Minneapolis, Oak Park	W. A. Snow	12	225.00
" Bethany	M. B. Morris	12	200.00
" 38th St.	W. A. Wilkinson	12	200.00
MONTICELLO	E. P. Crane	3	50.00
MAZEPPA, ZUMBRO FALLS	F. P. Fergusson	12	100.00
Marietta, Nassau	J. L. Martin	12	125.00
New Brighton	D. Parsons	12	150.00
North Branch, Sunrise	J. W. Danford	12	135.00
Park Rapids	A. Bond	12	250.00
	H. H. Stutson		
Perham	H. H. Stutson	4½	70.00
Round Prairie	J. F. Locke	12	75.00
Rose Creek, Lyle	Benj. Iorns	12	50.00
Sauk Rapids, Cable	C. J. Swain	12	200.00
St. Paul So. Park	J. H. B. Smith	12	300.00
" University Avenue	P. C. Thyboldt	1	10.66
" Rowe Memorial	H. W. Parsons	6	150.00
St. Louis Park, Edina Mills	G. F. Swinnerton	12	150.00
Tintah	W. F. Trussell	14	265.00
Turtle River	H. W. Parsons	3	75.00
Ulen, Twin Valley	E. H. Cox	12	100.00
Verndale	F. H. Oehler	2	25.00
	A. Bond	12	200.00
Walker	Geo. Michael	12	200.00
Waterville, Morristown	F. R. Snowden	12	100.00
West Duluth	Jas. Earl	14	490.00
Winona, Second	E. W. Jannev	13 2-3	285.00
General Missionaries	C. B. Fellows	12	900.00
	E. C. Lyons (½)	12	300.00

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

MINNESOTA WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

The thirtieth annual meeting of the Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Union was convened at the Presbyterian Church, Fergus Falls, Minnesota, at 4 p. m., Wednesday, Sept. 17th, 1902.

Miss C. W. Nichols, President, led the devotional exercises.

The reports of the officers were read in the following order:

Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. M. Bristoll.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. R. Shepard.

Secretary Young People's Work, Mrs. B. W. Smith. (Read by Mrs. G. R. Merrill, Minneapolis.)

Secretary Children's Work, Mrs. J. M. Anderson, and Assistant Secretary, Mrs. C. J. Hunt, on account of illness, failed to send any report.

Secretary of Programmes and Bureau of Exchange, Mrs. J. V. V. Lewis.

Treasurer, Mrs. A. W. Norton.

Auditor, Mrs. Horace Goodhue, being absent from State at time of closing of books, Mrs. M. W. Skinner, Northfield, appointed by Executive Committee, performed duties of Auditor, report being read by Secretary.

The President appointed Special Committees, consisting of Mrs. J. F. Taintor, Rochester; Mrs. L. H. Halleck, Minneapolis, and Mrs. W. L. Chappell, Fergus Falls, to act upon Corresponding Secretary's report; and Mrs. W. A. Warren, Lake City; Mrs. M. G. Peters, Mantorville, and Mrs. C. A. Daly, Fergus Falls, to act upon Treasurer's report, both to report Thursday morning.

The report of Special Committee on annual meeting, Mrs. E. R. Shepard, Secretary, stated that the Joint Committee of President, Vice-President and Corresponding Secretary of the Branch and Union, met at St. Paul in October; that the subject under consideration concerning annual meeting was slightly discussed and no action taken.

The report was accepted, with the understanding that the matter could come up for discussion Thursday morning.

The second session of the Union was held Thursday, 9 a. m., in the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. H. N. Bruce, Pelican Rapids, conducted the devotional half hour, which was closed by the reading of a very interesting sketch of the life of Mrs. E. G. Chapman, Duluth, whose death about a year ago deprived us of a very efficient co-laborer. This memorial was prepared by Mrs. Dunn, Minneapolis, and was read by Mrs. O. C. Trace, Little Falls.

The service closed by the singing of a hymn written by Mrs. Chapman for a Home Missionary meeting.

The minutes of preceding session were read and approved and the Secretary instructed to complete minutes of sessions and print in Annual.

Mrs. J. F. Taintor, chairman, reported on the report of the Corresponding Secretary as, on the whole, encouraging.

Mrs. W. A. Warren, chairman, reported on Treasurer's report by giving summary of the report.

These reports were accepted.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was read by Miss Carrie S. Pond, St. Paul. The report was adopted after the name of Mrs. G. R. Merrill had been added as a Vice-President, and the Secretary instructed to cast the ballot for the officers and directors thus nominated.

Rev. F. P. Woodbury, D. D., Secretary A. M. A., then spoke very entertainingly of the Indian work, dwelling especially upon the last annual meeting of the Congregational Mission Churches among the Indians, which he had just attended.

Mrs. Wettleson, Alexandria, raised the query whether it would not be advisable to have more officers outside of the Twin Cities, and after discussion the name of Mrs. L. B. Van Hoesen, Alexandria, was added to the list of Vice-Presidents.

The Committee on Nominations was appointed by nominations from the floor: Mrs. W. A. Warren, Lake City; Mrs. Boyd, Alexandria, Mrs. C. H. Cooper, Mankato.

Mrs. A. W. Norton read an instructive paper upon "What Counts On Apportionments?"

The remaining part of the prepared programme was omitted because of the lack of time and desire of the ladies to be present at the Association.

The hour allotted to the Union on the programme of the Association was shortened to a half hour by reason of the prolonged discussion immediately preceding. Mr. Woodbury was to have spoken on "Strategic Points in Home Missions," but said he should confine himself to one strategic point only, "The Pastors of Our Churches," and made a most earnest appeal to them to uphold and support more effectively the missionary work.

ROSA O. BRISTOLL, Recording Secretary.

SUMMARY OF TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR YEAR ENDING SEPT. 13, 1902.

Amount Paid:		
C. H. M. S.	$1,826.34	
A. M. A.	854.26	
C. B. S.	415.20	
C. Ed. Soc.	343.70	
S. S. and Pub.	339.81	
B. T. Washington	5.65	
Berea College	15.00	
Dr. Merrill	43.00	
Miss M. M. Williams	5.00	
S. S. Association	5.00	
Rev. Allen Clark	70.00	
Expenses	126.25	
Balance on hand	141.68	
Total	$4,190.89	$4,190.89
Amounts received from all sources:		
Anoka Conference	$1,642.29	
Central Conference	64.15	
Duluth Conference	75.26	
Mankato Conference	231.45	
Minnesota Valley Conference	126.45	
Northern Pacific Conference	146.45	
Owatonna Conference	882.94	
Western Conference	98.41	
Winona Conference	617.66	
Jubilee Fund	7.00	
Fergus Falls, B. T. Washington	5.65	
Duluth, Pilgrim S. S., Berea College	15.00	
Lake City S. S. to S. S. Association	5.00	
Mpls. Fremont Ave. Advance Movement	43.00	
Northfield S. S., Miss M. M. Williams	5.00	
Special gifts for work in North. Minn.	211.68	
Friends at Annual Meeting for C. B. S.	13.50	
Total	$4,190.89	$4,190.89

THE MINNESOTA BRANCH

OF THE

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE INTERIOR.

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Auditor—MRS. WILLARD W. MORSE, 119 Bedford Av. S. E., Minneapolis.

Before the State Association, on Friday afternoon, a session of this society was held and an address was made by Rev. A. N. Hitchcock, Ph. D., of Chicago.

The annual meeting of the society was held at Little Falls, April 16-18, 1902. The twenty-sixth annual meeting, in April, 1903, will be held with Plymouth Church, Minneapolis.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

MINNESOTA BRANCH, W. M. B. I., IN ACCOUNT WITH MRS. HIRAM A. SCRIVER, TREASURER.

By Cash received, for the year ending April 10, 1902..		$5,193.38
Anoka Conference	$2,439.98	
Central Conference	175.29	
Duluth Conference	188.19	
Mankato Conference	232.50	
Minnesota Valley Conference	112.15	
Northern Pacific Conference	128.57	
Owatonna Conference	1,195.85	
Western Conference	103.21	
Winona Conference	617.64	
Total	$5,193.38	

DISBURSEMENTS.

By drafts to Mrs. J. B. Leake, Treas. W. B. M. I..	$ 386.02	
By drafts to Mrs. Hurlbut, Treas. W. B. M. I....	4,660.56	
By drafts to Dr. Roy, Puerto Rico	3.00	
By drafts to A. B. C. F. M	10.00	
Reserved for expenses	133.80—	$5,193.38

STATE EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

To cash on hand April 4, 1901	$ 20.00	
To collections Annual Meeting	16.88	
To check book stamps	.66	
Reserved from General Fund	133.80—	$171.34

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Mrs. Chauncey Goodrich, Annual Meeting	$ 13.50	
Paid Sec. Children's Work Stamps and Typewriting..	3.15	
Paid Mrs. Derome, Annual Meeting	6.50	
Paid Mrs. Derome, Field Secretary	18.81	
Paid Printing Annual Report	72.00	
Paid Corresponding Secretary Postage	13.40	
Paid Bureau of Literature	15.00	
Paid Postage, Annual Reports	8.14	
Paid Printing Postal Notices and Receipts	5.25	
Paid Postage Central Conference	2.00	
Cash on hand	13.59—	$171.34

I hereby certify that I have examined the above accounts, with all receipts and vouchers, and have found them correct.

(MRS.) ADDIE BIXBIE-UPHAM
Auditor.

REPORT OF THE WORK

OF THE

CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PUBLISHING SOCIETY IN MINNESOTA,

FOR THE TERM ENDING SEPT. 1, 1902.

Peculiar conditions beset the missionary work of each successive year. The past year has been marked by considerable denominational loss in the state through the disintegrating of faith for the future and the spirit of courage on the part of many of the newer churches. At the beginning of the year we conceived that we might best serve the Kingdom of Jesus Christ and Congregationalism by devoting a larger share of our time than usual to this work of visiting and encouraging these smaller pastorless churches and assisting them in their problems to the extent of our ability. It is safe to say, we believe, that the lives of a dozen churches have thus been saved to the denomination. Not only so, but these churches, supplied with pastors have started in with new courage to lift up the Light-of-life in the communities where they are set. A larger rescue work could have been successfully conducted with adequate resources. Fortunately the Sunday School Society has been very liberal in its attitude toward Minnesota. We have had on our roll six workers the past year, viz.: Messrs. Stickney, Okerstein, Lyons, Clark, Ebersol and the superintendent. The superintendent bears glad testimony to the consecration, wisdom and efficiency of those who have been fellow-laborers with him.

Notwithstanding the heavy draughts on this force in sustentation work we have to report about the usual number of new Sunday Schools—36 and 14 reorganized. These schools do not look toward churchhood as much as in former years for obvious reasons.

The society has undertaken in several instances of peculiar promise to encourage this primary work to organize itself into the church, where no call was to be made for missionary funds. Starbuck, on the Northern Pacific Railway, a community of 800 people with only a tri-weekly service in a foreign tongue has taken steps toward organization, has called a minister and proposes self-support from the start in conjunction with another field. Brook Park, on the Eastern Minnesota, maintaining a Sunday School of seventy members, a weekly prayer-meeting and a Y. P. S. C. E. since January, has been supplied by the society with preaching and is organizing a Congregational church. At Gladstone, a reviving suburb of St. Paul, preach-

ing has been supplied for an evening service, with promise of development.

We believe the Congregational churches of Minnesota still want the missionary work of Jesus Christ pushed with wise aggression within our borders. North Dakota and Wisconsin have each organized the incoming throngs of settlers into Congregational churches, a dozen or more in each state the past year. We ask that missionary funds be placed in our hands for this purpose—one Minnesota dollar against one Boston dollar. Last year we placed a Minnesota quarter only against the Boston dollar. On our part we promise to foster weak work and organize new Sunday School work as the Lord Jesus Christ brings opportunity to our door.

ROBERT P. HERRICK,
Superintendent for Minnesota.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

	YEAR	PLACE.	MODERATOR.	PREACHER AND TEXT.
1	56	St. Anthony...	Rev. Sherman Hall.....	Rev. W. R. Stevens; John 1: 4.
2	57	Prescott, Wis..	Rev. L. Armsby.....	Rev. C. B. Sheldon; II Cor. 4: 7.
3	58	Faribault.....	Rev. D. Andrews.....	Rev. Richard Hall; Rev. 11: 15.
4	59	Winona.....	Rev. C. Secombe.....	Rev. L. Armsby; Rev. 3: 8.
5	60	St. Paul.....	Rev. D. Burt.....	Rev. D. Andrew; Isa. 55: 10, 11.
6	61	Anoka.....	Rev. O. Thomas.....	Rev. A. S. Fisk; Phil. 4: 6.
7	62	Northfield.....	Rev. Chas. Shedd.....	Rev. Chas. Shedd; II Thes. 2: 16.
8	63	Lake City.....	Rev. W. R. Stevens.....	Rev. J. W. Millen; John 17; 20, 21.
9	64	Rochester.....	Bro. C. M. Goodsell.....	Rev. C. Seccombe; Prov. 14: 10.
10	65	Minneapolis ..	Bro. R. G. Lincoln	Rev. D. Burt; Eph. 2: 1.
11	66	Faribault.....	Bro. W. G. Copp.....	Rev. A. B. Smith; Matt. 33: 8.
12	67	St. Cloud	Pres. J. W. Strong, D. D..	Rev. E. J. Hart; Luke 19: 11, 27.
13	68	Austin	Bro. S. W. Furber.....	Rev. A. Fuller; Job. 40: 3; 42: 5, 27.
14	69	Owatonna.....	Bro. J. L. Noyes.....	Rev. E. Gale; John 4; 22, 12.
15	70	Northfield.....	Bro. R. J. Baldwin.....	Rev. W. B. Dana; Mark 4: 28.
16	71	St. Anthony..	Pres. J. W. Strong, D. D..	Rev. C. C. Salter, D. D.; Isa. 40: 3.
17	72	Lake City.....	Rev. S. H. Barteau.....	Rev. E. M. Williams, D. D.; Rom. 1: 16.
18	73	St. Paul.....	Bro. H. W. Page.....	Rev. H. M. Tenney, D. D.; Phil. 2: 15.
19	74	Winona.....	Rev. H. A. Stimson, D. D..	Rev. C. M. Terry; I Cor. 6: 9, 17.
20	75	Minneapolis...	Rev. L. H. Cobb, D. D.	Rev. J. W. Ray; Rom. 1: 16.
21	76	Austin	Rev. E. M. Williams, D. D.	Rev. George A. Wood; Eph. 3: 8.
22	77	Faribault.....	Rev. David Burt	Rev. C. W. Merrill; II Tim. 4: 2.
23	78	Mankato	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D. D.	Rev. J. H. Morley; Matt. 16: 19, 16.
24	79	Minneapolis ..	Hon. A. H. Young..	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D. D.; Heb 11: 1.
25	80	Northfield.....	Rev. L. W. Cheney.....	Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, D. D.; Matt. 23: 8, 10.
26	81	Rochester.	Rev. Geo. A. Hood.....	Rev. C. E. Wright, D. D.; Matt. 11: 4.
27	82	St. Paul.....	Bro. H. W. Page.....	Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D.; Matt. 16: 14, 15.
28	83	Lake City.....	Rev. J.W. Bradshaw, D.D.	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D.; Isa. 50: 4.
29	84	St. Cloud.....	Rev. M. W. Montgomery.	Prof. A. H. Pearson; Phil. 1: 21.
30	85	Winona.....	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D.	Rev. H. C. Hovey, D. D., Jer. 32: 8.
31	86	Minneapolis ..	Rev. C. W. Merrill.....	Rev. John H. Crum, D. D.; I Tim. 1: 19.
32	87	Fergus Falls..	Prof. Geo. Huntington....	Rev. M. W. Montgomery; Isa. 21:6; I Cor. 2:2.
33	88	Owatonna....	Rev. C. E. Wright, D. D..	Rev. J. W. Hargrave; II Tim. 2: 15.
34	89	St. Paul.....	Rev. S. V. S. Fisher.....	Rev. I. L. Cory; Luke 12:33.
35	90	Northfield....	Rev. G. R. Merrill, D. D..	Rev. E. M. Noyes; Matt. 5: 13.
36	91	Duluth	Rev. H. W. Gleason.....	Rev. A. H. Heath, D. D.; Rom. 1: 15.
37	92	Minneapolis ..	Rev. J. F. Taintor.....	Rev. J. A. Chamberlain; John 14: 12.
38	93	St. Paul.....	Rev. Smith Baker, D. D...	Rev. L. L. West, D. D.; Mark 13: 37.
39	94	Austin	Bro. C. W. Hackett.....	Rev. J. E. McConnel; I Chron. 12: 32.
40	95	Alexandria ...	Hon. D. C. Bell.....	Rev. S. G. Smith, D. D.; Matt. 6: 11.
41	96	Faribault	Rev. G. E. Soper.....	Rev. T. Merrill Edmands; Phil. 1: 9.
42	97	Montevideo...	Dean Horace Goodhue....	Rev. John A. Stemen; Luke 24: 36.
43	98	Owatonna.....	Rev. R. S. Cross.....	Rev. J. W. Todd; Rom. 8: 19.
44	99	Rochester.....	Hon. Lyndon A. Smith...	Rev. S. J. Rogers; I Cor. 10: 21.
45	00	Northfield.....	Rev. L. L. West, D. D....	Rev. J. F. Taintor; Rev. 19: 10.
46	01	Minneapolis...	Hon. D. P. Jones.....	Rev. Wm. H. Medlar; Isa. 49:9, and Num. 23:23
47	02	Fergus Falls..	Rev. Alexander Milne....	Rev. Herman P. Fisher, Acts 13: 2.

RECORDING SECRETARIES.

Rev. C. B. Sheldon.....1859—1861.
Rev. A. K. Packard.....1862—1864.
Rev. J. F. Dudley.....1866—1867.
Rev. L. S. Griggs.....1868 -1869.
Rev. H. A. Stimson, D. D.....1870—1872.
Rev. H. Bumsted.....1873—1874
Rev. C. A. Hampton.....1875—1876
Bro. Wm. Cheney.....1877—1878
Rev. Geo. A. Hood.....1879—1881
Rev. W. A. James.....1882—1883

CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

Rev. C. Seccombe.....1856—1858.
Rev. D. Burt.....1859—1867.
Rev. A. Fuller.....1867—1870.
Rev. C. C. Salter, D. D.....1871—1872
Rev. N. C. Chapin.....1873—1877
Rev. L. W. Chaney.....1878—1883

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Rev. C. Seccombe.....1858—1870.
Rev. R. Hall.....1871—1875.
Rev. J. B. Fairbank.....1882—1889.
Bro. W. Cheney.....1876—1878
Rev. Geo. A. Hood.....1879—1881

Secretary: Rev. S. W. Dickinson.....1889—1901.
" Rev. Samuel J. Rogers.....1901.

THE CONFERENCES.

I. ANOKA CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: ——May 19th, 1903.

REGISTRAR: Rev. Samuel J. Rogers, Minneapolis.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. Edwin S. Pressey, Rev. E. W. Shurtleff, E. D. Parker.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Anoka	112	Albert E. Barnes	E. E. Curial.
Brownton	68	James Oakey	J. P. West.
Cottage Grove	31	J. L. Keene	J. P. Furber.
Elk River	109	William Pease	W. G. Babcock.
Excelsior	141	G. A. Traut	Miss Ella M. Stratton.
Fair Oaks, *Tuthill*	10	A. E. Barnes	Mrs. F. A. Blanchard.
Gaylord	22	Henry B. Beard	Albert Straebel.
Glencoe	154		Mrs. B. F. Allen.
Groveland, *Excelsior*	15	D. E. Wilson	Mrs. Ida C. Waters.
Hutchinson	119	E. L. Brooks	C. E. Gillett.
Lakeland			Anna Rockstrole.
Minneapolis, First	606	Ernest W. Shurtleff	Ralph P. Felton.
" Plymouth	878	Leavitt H. Hallock	Charles M. Shearer.
" Park Avenue	545	George S. Rollins	William M. Bristol.
" Pilgrim	409	Frederick A. Sumner	E. C. Scarborough.
" Vine	130	John S. Rood	John R. Williams.
" Como Avenue	140	Jay M. Hulbert	George M. Furber.
" Union, *St. L. Pk*	65	[Geo. F. Swinnerton, Meth.]	Mrs. J. Hamilton.
" Open Door	144		Mrs. J. A. Donaldson.
" Lyndale	418	Charles E. Burton	F. L. Frary.
" Fremont	169	Richard Brown	E. O. Ballard.
" Fifth Avenue	185	James E. Smith	E. P. Leland.
" Mizpah, *Hopkins*	35		Mrs. O. H. Poppleton.
" Bethany	89	Maurice B. Morris	Mrs. B. A. Eaton.
" Robbinsdale	71	Donald G. Colp	Miss Adelaide Robbins.
" Lowry Hill	220	Henry Holmes	Joseph Goldsbury.
" First Scandinav'n	31	S. M. Andrewson	L. Hovik.
" Oak Park	112	Walter A. Snow	A. Henry Cheese.
" New Brighton	15	[Dudley Parsons, Student]	Mrs. C. A. Thompson.
" Forest Heights	185	Adam Murrman	Homer A. Ralph.
" Temple, Swedish	124	[A. Lidman, Swedish Cov't.]	A. W. Fahlin.
" Thirty-Eighth St.	72	Wm. A. Wilkinson	Eli Butterworth.
North Branch	35	Jas. W. Danford	J. G. Rider.
Princeton	58	Charles H. Moxie	John F. Petterson.
St. Paul, Plymouth	233	George M. Morrison	Warren Upham.
" Pacific	249	William J. Gray	John M. Boxell.
" Atlantic	107	W. A. Vrooman	Geo. D. Hammond.
" Park	327	Alexander McGregor	Samuel Cummings.
" St. Anthony Park	206	Edwin S. Pressey	Henry L. Hunter.
" Bethany	114	John H. B. Smith	E. J. Souther.
" Olivet, *Merriam Park*	130	John H. Sammis	H. W. Snell.
" South Park	82	John H. B. Smith	John N. Irving.
" Peoples	490	Samuel G. Smith	Ira Oehler.
" University Ave	40	W. A. Vrooman	C. C. Marsh.
" Hazel Park, (Peoples)	18		R. F. Hiler.
" Peoples, (German)	69	George E. Lohr	G. A. Rinker.
Sandstone, (Swedish)	20	Emil A. Anderson	August Valden.
Silver Lake, (Bohemian)	102	Philip Reitinger	Charles Pokorny.
Spencer Brook	49	Alfred P. Engstrom	Andrew Dundee.
Stewart	36	James Oakey	Frank Sugden.
Stillwater	75	(Louis H. Johnston, Lic.)	Miss Mary Jenks.
Sunrise	6	Jas. W. Danford	Mrs. C. Spivak.
Wayzata	42	D. E. Wilson	Mrs. J. Lawrence.

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II. CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Big Lake, June 16, 1903.

REGISTRAR: George L. Treat, Alexandria.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. G. Ernest Smith, Sauk Centre; Rev. W. H. Medlar, Alexandria; Rev. J. W. Brown, Glenwood.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS.	CHURCH CLERKS
Alexandria	239	William H. Medlar	A. S. Mason.
Big Lake, (Union)	82	William M. Jenkins	Albert J. Johnson.
Burtrum	19	Elmer E. Cram	Miss Ada R. Burch.
Cable, *Clear Lake*	18	Carl J. Swain	Mrs. M. J. Ayers.
Clarissa	8	John Peters	Mrs. John Nutting.
Clearwater	50	Arthur Davies	Samuel Whiting.
Foreston		Nels J. Bolin	
Glenwood	81	Wm. J. Brown	G. W. Thacker.
Grey Eagle	27	Elmer E. Cram	Mrs. A. R. Fuller.
Hasty	37	Arthur Davies	Mrs. Sarah Sheldon.
Little Falls	207	Wm. C. A. Wallar	Ernest D. Boyce.
Monticello	103	E. P. Crane	Albert M. Barker.
Orrock, (Union)	8	William M. Jenkins	Miss Grace Craig.
Paynesville	91	E. E. Rogers	L. M. Bennett.
Pillsbury	20	Elmer E. Cram	Mrs. Meda E. Perley.
Randall	35	E. E. Cram	S. C. Cochran.
Round Prairie	63	J. Frank Locke	Mrs. Ella Pents.
St. Cloud			
St. Cloud and Sauk Rapids, (Swedish)	50	Karl L. Peterson	John Erickson.
Sauk Centre	165		James A. Norris.
Sauk Rapids	26	Carl J. Swain	James Burns.
Swanville	14	Elmer E. Cram	Mrs. Belle Flood.
Upsala, (Swedish)	111	Anton Olson	Gust Nelson.
Villard	40	Wm. J. Brown	S. F. McKenzie.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.—David Donovan, Frank P. Ferguson, George F. Morton, Edward N. Ruddock, A. Alex. Thom.

III. DULUTH CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Walker, May 26, 1903.

REGISTRAR: Rev. Alexander Milne, Duluth.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. Alexander Milne, Deacon Wm. S. Woodbridge, Rev. George Michael.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Aitkin	39	William E. Griffith	Mrs. A. L. Hamilton.
Biwabik	18	Henry H. Stutson	Charles W. Bray.
Brainard, First	130	Milton L. Hutton	H. W. Isham.
" Peoples	58	Geo. F. Morton	Mrs. R. K. Clark.
Duluth, Pilgrim	382	Alexander Milne	John McLean Oldham.
" West Plymouth	43	James Earl	Carl G. Weaver.
Walker	18	George Michael	Rev. Geo. Michael.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.—Allen Clark, Jeremiah Kimball, Charles B. Wilcox.

IV. MANKATO CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Mankato, May, 13, 1903.

REGISTRAR: Rev. John A. Eakin, Waseca.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. Charles H. Curtis, Worthington, J. E. Robinson, Fairmont; Rev. Edgar L. Heermance, Mankato.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Belgrade, *Mankato*	70	Arthur S. Heathcote	Mrs. G. W. Johnson.
Center Chain	22	(J. R. Stoney, Lic.)	J. V. Livingston.
Ceylon	46	(J. R. Stoney, Lic.)	Miss Phosa Hadley.
Edgerton	61	Pliny H. Fisk	Mrs. L. A. Gulick.
Ellsworth	41	Charles F. Downs	Mrs. Myrtle Bratsberg.
Fairmont	161	Hobart K. Painter	Mrs. A. T. French.
Fraser, *Fairmont*	18		F. L. Hall.
Freeborn	50	Wilbur Fisk	Mrs. Abby Olson.
Freedom, *Cream*	35	Wilbur Fisk	Samuel O. Garlick.
Granada	50	S. Willoughby	Mrs. S. Cooper.
Kasota, (Swedish)	40	Aaron Anderson, (Sw. Lic.)	Andrew Swenson.
Mankato	154	Edgar L. Heermance	Mrs. Thomas Hughes.
Mankato, (Swedish)	65	Aaron Anderson, (Sw. Lic.)	William Anderson.
Mapleton	57	Frank D. Bentley	Miss Sue L. Sprague.
New Richland	62	Harry W. Johnson	H. E. Johnson.
Salem, *Cambria*	47	Idrys Jones	Henry J. Hughes.
St. Clair			
Sherburn	79	W. B. Hubbard	Miss Fanny Talty.
Triumph	7	W. B. Hubbard	Miss Ethel Glives.
Waseca	144	John A. Eakin	F. W. Roth.
Worthington	154	Charles H. Curtis	Dr. Geo. O. Moore.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.—Josiah P. Dickerman, Charles W. Merrill, Andrew P. Nelson.

V. MINNESOTA VALLEY CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Morris, June 3, 1902.

REGISTRAR: D. T. Wheaton, Morris.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. F. H. Richardson, Morris; Rev. F. L. V. Meske, Ortonville, and Rev. S. Heath, Benson.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Appleton	68	Edwin E. Webber	Mrs. Z. L. Tadsen.
Belview	28		Miss Cora Adsit.
Benson	66	S. Heath	Mrs. W. A. Foland.
Campbell	38	Owen W. Roberts	Mrs. C. C. Maechler.
Correll	13	Edwin E. Webber	Mrs. K. P. Uye.
Dawson	82	Rowland S. Cross	Fred C. Grow.
Graceville	62	(A. D. Smith)	Mrs. Anna S. Bailey.
Granite Falls	47	Alexander Chambers	Miss Carrie Barnes.
Hancock	48	John T. Killen	Mrs. Frank Angier.
Lake Emily, *Hancock*	.....	John T. Killen	Mrs. J. Councilman.
Madison	48	Wm. Blackwell	B. O. Pickle.
Marietta	12	John L. Martin	Mrs. A. C. Miller.
Montevideo	94		Ernest P. Lee.
Morris	97	F. H. Richardson	D. T. Wheaton.
Nassau	14	John L. Martin	H. S. Bragg.
Ortonville	100	Fred L. V. Meske	Henry Walter.
Tintah	18	Wm. F. Trussell	Mrs. H. S. Nucholls.

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VI. NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Hawley, June 16, 1903.

REGISTRAR: C. R. Andrews, Ada.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: A. A. Miller, Crookston; Rev. F. H. Oehler, Wadena; George E. Perley, Moorhead.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Ada	63	H. William Stiles	Fred L. Hampson.
Akeley	9	(L. D. Arnold)	Lewis D. Arnold.
Audubon	23	H. J. Taylor	Mrs. M. E. Cravath.
Bertha	38	John Peters	L. P. Leech.
Bagley	15	Charles F. Blomquist	P. R. Day.
Barnesville	89		Albert Neukom.
Cass Lake	18		H. D. Hovey.
Crookston	88	Herman P. Fisher	Wm. L. Vannet.
Detroit City	91	Marion Darling	Miss Bessie Furber.
Dorset	5		Mrs. Henry Parks.
Felton	28	J. C. Whalin, (student)	William Scott.
Fergus Falls	118	John W. Todd.	Peter Winsor.
Fertile	32	O. P. Champlin	S. S. La Due.
Fosston	22		D. H. Fisk.
Glyndon	42	F. H. Bassett	W. E. Tate.
Hawley, (Union)	62	Samuel E. Fish	Adnah Colburn.
Kragness	17	T. Henry Lewis	Gustave Gunderson.

NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE—*Continued.*

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS.	CHURCH CLERKS
Lake Park	23	H. J. Taylor	Mrs. F. B. Higley.
Lake View, *Detroit*			
Maple Bay	3	O. P. Champlin	Mrs. L. A. Hunter.
McIntosh	13	J. J. Hales	Mrs. G. E. Pratt.
Mentor	10	J. J. Hales	A. D. Tice.
Moorhead	86	J. P. Kerr	Fred Stalley.
Park Rapids	30	J. W. Dickson	Mrs. S. C. Tennis.
Pelican Rapids	69	(H. O. Hammond, Lic.)	Mrs. O. A. Burdick.
Perham	20		Mrs. U. S. G. Henry.
Shevlin	18	Chas. F. Bloomquist	
Staples	73	Frank N. Smith	R. M. Jerome.
Verndale			Mrs. C. E. McMillan.
Wadena	114	Frederick H. Oehler	John Liddell.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.—Richard H. Battey, Wm. J. Conard, Lewis C. Frost, R. W. Harlow, John L. Martin, David W. Morgan, Oscar M. Smith.

VII. OWATONNA CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING:—Dodge Centre, May 12, 1903.

REGISTRAR: Rev. F. O. Krause, Medford.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. J. Sidney Gould, Owatonna; Rev. J. H. Albert, Faribault; Rev. Paul Winter, Dexter.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Austin	336	Arthur S. Dascomb	Charles J. Sargent.
Cannon City, *Dean*	20		Caleb G. Pye.
Cannon Falls	122	(N. de M. Dassell, Meth.)	Mrs. Mary C. Clifford.
Claremont	30	Wesley R. Bosard.	Mrs. H. Hubbard.
Dexter	27	Paul Winter	Mrs. Jennie Shurman.
Dodge Centre	77	Wesley R. Bosard	Fred E. Burtrand.
Faribault	299	John H. Albert	C. G. Pye.
Grand Meadow	35		John De Young.
Hamilton			
Lyle	31	Benjamin Iorns	L. A. Sherman.
Mantorville	161	Hubert O. Judd	Mrs. James McLaughlin.
Medford	73	F. O. Krause	D. McKinley.
Morristown	56	Frank R. Snowden	Mrs. E. L. Peterson.
Northfield	553	James E. McConnell	George H. Alden.
Owatonna	281	J. Sidney Gould	Dr. J. P. Johnson.
Rose Creek	20	Benjamin Iorns	Adaline Nelson.
Spring Valley	259	William A. Gerrie.	W. L. Kellogg.
Taopi	11	(J. Russell Jones, Pres.)	Wilbur F. Davis.
Waterville	34	Frank R. Snowden	Miss Nellie Roberts.
Welch			A. Black.

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VIII. WESTERN CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Mankato, May 13, 1903.

REGISTRAR: L. M. Lange, Marshall.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. M. J. P. Thing, Lake Benton; Rev. T. W. Barbour, Sleepy Eye; G. A. Ottomeyer, New Ulm.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Cornish	24		George Dunwell.
Custer	13	W. A. Taylor	R. Price.
Garvin	26	W. A. Taylor	W. W. Jones.
Lake Benton	87	M. J. P. Thing	Rev. M. J. P. Thing.
Lake Stay, *Arco.*	33		Mrs. A. F. Chase.
Lamberton	49	C. A. Ruddock	A. A. McLellan.
Marshall	147	J. W. Vallentyne	Julius W. Humphrey.
New Ulm	70	Stephen G. Updyke	Herman Held.
Selma, *Comfrey*	34		Henry Currier.
Sleepy Eye	104	Thomas W. Barbour	Isaac Gallagher.
Springfield	39		Mrs. M. P. Rowe.
Tyler	21	John H. Hjetland	A. J. Cox.
Walnut Grove	28		Mrs. Mildred Swaffer.
Winthrop	54		Anna H. Campbell.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.—Wm. H. Klose, George P. Merrill, George H. Rice, Enoch E. Rogers, Albert Warren.

IX. WINONA CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Lake City, May 19, 1903.

REGISTRAR: Rev. Frank H. Anderson, Plainview.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. J. F. Taintor, Rochester; Rev. W. A. Warren, Lake City, and W. H. Laird, Winona.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Lake City	222	Willis A. Warren	Mrs. C. E. Dutcher.
Lake City Swedish	50	John R. Haggblom	Oscar Asklund.
Mazeppa	25	Frank P. Ferguson	Mrs. Agnes E. Kingsley.
Plainview	147	Frank H. Anderson	Mrs. G. A. Lyon.
Rochester	175	Jesse F. Taintor	J. W. Soule.
St. Charles	97		A. F. Knebler.
Stewartville	111	R. Griffith Jones	F. C. Thomas.
Wabasha	165	Wm. B. Pinkerton	Dr. C. H. Robinson.
Winona, First	371	Lester L. West	Geo. J. Hillyer.
Winona, Second	55	E. Winthrop Janney	Lewis Lawrence.
Winona, Scandinavian	40	Bernhard B. Sather	Azel Bard.
Wiscoy, *Witoka*	16		Miss Rilla Thomas.
Zumbro Falls	33	Frank P. Ferguson	Mrs. A. G. Scholer.
Zumbrota	118	E. Edward Lynd	Miss I. C. Stearns.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.—Hans F. Josephson, Henry H. Stutson, Wm. G. Ramsey.

UNASSOCIATED CHURCHES.

CHURCHES	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Cannon Falls (Swedish)		
Carlos	A. Alex Thom	Mrs. H. Shackel.
Climax		
Culdrum, *Flensburgh*	Samuel Peterson	
Edina Mills	Geo. F. Swinnerton	
Elmdale	Philip Reitinger	John Soltis.
Franconia		
Itaska Lake		
Gibbon		
Lengby		
Linden Hills		Dr. E. F. Hertz.
Lida Lake		
Sacred Heart		
Seaforth		Mrs. Hayden.
Solway		
Swanville, (Swedish)		
Turtle River		
Twin Valley		
Union Lake, *Hudson*	A. Alex Thom	Fred Mead.

NOTES OF THE SECRETARY.

The Registrar of the Conferences report two hundred churches. Gaylord, in Anoka, and Foreston, in Central Conference, have been received this year. One church, Sebeka, reported in last Year Book has been dropped by Northern Pacific Conference.

Of the nineteen unassociated churches, Cannon Falls, Edina Mills, Itasca Lake, Linden Hills, Seaforth, Swanville (Swedish) and Turtle River are new churches and may be expected to seek admission to the Conferences.

A house of worship has already been dedicated at Turtle River and one will soon be erected at Linden Hills.

Some of these churches have only a name, while others have only occasional services. There are three or four Swedish churches where the work is prospering. All these churches ought to seek fellowship in the Conferences.

Ordinations and Installations, Oct. 1st, 1901, to Oct. 10th, 1902.

ORDINATIONS.

Edgar L. Heermance, Mankato, June 20th, 1902.
Samuel Peterson, Flensburgh, Sept. 21st, 1902.
James W. Vallentyne, Oct. 3d, 1902.
H. J. Taylor, Oct. 7th, 1902.
Adolph Yukl, Evangelist, Silver Lake, Sept. 24th, 1902.

INSTALLATION.

Rev. Daniel E. Wilson, Wayzata, Dec. 17th, 1901.

MINISTERIAL RECORD.

Albert, John H.	Faribault.
Anderson, Aaron (Swedish Mission)	Mankato.
Anderson, Emil A.	Sandstone.
Anderson, Frank H.	Plainview.
Andrewson, S. M.	Minneapolis.
Arnold, L. D. (Christian)	Akeley.
Barbour, Thomas W.	Sleepy Eye.
Barnes, Albert E.	Anoka.
Bartel, Harvey B.	Brainerd.
Battey, Richard H.	Minneapolis.
Bassett, Franklin H.	Glyndon.
Beard, Henry B.	Minneapolis.
Bentley, Frank D.	Mapleton.
Betts, Eben M.	New York.
Bird, Martin B.	Tempe, Arizona.
Biscoe, George S.	St. Paul Park.
Bjuge, Carl B.	Chicago, Ill.
Blackwell, William	Madison.
Bloomquist, Charles F.	Bagley.
Bolin, Nels J.	Foreston.
Bond, Andrew W.	
Bosard, Wesley R.	Dodge Centre.
Brooks, Edward L.	Hutchinson.
Brown, Richard	Minneapolis.
Brown, William J.	Glenwood.
Burton, Charles E.	Minneapolis.
Carter, Elijah	Edgerton.
*Chambers, Alexander	Granite Falls.
Champlin, O. P.	Fertile.
Chase, Henry L.	Clifton Springs, N. Y.
Colp, Daniel G.	Robbinsdale.
Clark, Allen	Brainerd.
Conrad, William J.	Park Rapids.
Cram, Elmer E.	Burtrum.
Cram, Delbert W.	Valdez, Alaska.
(Crane, Edward P., Pres.)	Monticello.
Cross, Roland S.	Dawson.
Curtis, Charles H.	Worthington.
Davies, Arthur	Clearwater.
Danford, James W.	North Branch.
(Darrell, N. de M., Meth.)	Cannon Falls.

Darling, Marion.....Detroit City.
Dascomb, Arthur S.....Austin.
Dickerman, Josiah P.....Jamaica Plain, Mass.
Dickinson, Samuel W., Field Sec. A. B. S.St. Paul.
*Dickson, J. W.....Park Rapids.
Donovan, David .....Dundas.
*Downs, Chas. F.....Ellsworth.
Drew, James B.....West Mansville, Mass.

Eakin, John A.....Waseca.
Earl, James.....West Duluth.
Engstrom, Alfred P.....Oxlip.

Fellows, Charles B.....Minneapolis.
Ferguson, Frank P.....Mazeppa.
Fish, Samuel E.....Hawley.
Fisher, Herman P.....Crookston.
Fisher, Samuel V. S.....Minneapolis.
Fisk, Pliny H.....Edgerton.
Fisk, Wilbur.....Freeborn.
Frost, Lewis C.....Farwell, Mich.
Fuller, Americus.....Aintab, Turkey.

Gerrie, William A.....Spring Valley.
Gleason, Herbert W.....Boston, Mass.
Gould, J. Sidney.....Owatonna.
Gray, William J.....St. Paul.
Griffith, William E.....Aitkin.

*Hales, J. J.....McIntosh.
Haggblom, John R.....Lake City.
Hall, Richard.....St. Paul.
(Hammond, H. O., Lic.).....Pelican Rapids.
Hallock, Leavitt H.....Minneapolis.
Harlow, Reuben W.....Park Rapids.
Harwood, Clement M. G.....Blue Hill, Me.
Heath, S.....Benson.
*Heathcote, Arthur H.....Mankato.
Heermance, Edgar L.....Mankato.
Herrick, Robert P.....Minneapolis.
Hindley, George.....Elk River.
Hjetland, John H.....Tyler.
Holmes, Henry.....Minneapolis.
*Hubbard, W. B.....Sherburn.
Hulbert, Jay M.....Minneapolis.
Huntington, George.....Northfield.
Huntington, John C.....Paris, Texas.
Hutton, M. L.....Brainerd.

Iorns, Benjamin.....Lyle.

James, Benjamin.....
Jenney, E. Winthrop.....Winona.
Jenkins, William M.....Big Lake.
Johnson, Harry W.....New Richland.
(Johnston, Louis H., Lic.).....Stillwater.
Jones, Idrys.....Cambria.
Jones, John L.....Huntington, Oregon.
(Jones, J. Russell, Pres.).....Taopi.
Jones, Robert G.....Stewartville.
Josephson, Hans F.....Minneapolis.
Judd, Hubert O.....Mantorville.

Keene, J. L.....Cottage Grove.
Kerr, Joseph P.....Moorhead.
Kimball, Jeremiah.....Duluth.
Klose, Wm. H.....Chicago.
Killen, John F.....Hancock.
Krause, Frank O.....Medford.

Lewis, T. Henry.....Fargo, N. D.
(Lidman, Adam, Swedish Covenant).....Minneapolis.
Locke, J. Frank.....Long Prairie.
Lohr, George E.....St. Paul.
Loring, Levi.....St. Paul.
Lynd, S. Edward.....Zumbrota.
Lyon, Eli C.....Minneapolis.

Magnus, Daniel H.....Northfield.
Martin, John L.....Nassau.
Mather, J. Bruce.....Denver, Colo.
McConnell, James E.....Northfield.
McGregor, Alexander.....St. Paul.
Medlar, William H.....Alexandria.
Merrill, Charles W.....Oroville, Cal.
Merrill, Geo. P.....Everett, Wash.
Meske, Fred, L. V.....Ortonville.
Michael, George .....Walker.
Milne, Alexander.....Duluth.
Morgan, David W.....Stratham, N. H.
Morris, Maurice B.....Minneapolis.
Morrison, Geo. M.....St. Paul.
Morton, Geo. F.....Brainerd.
Moxie, Chas. H.....Princeton.
*Murrman, Adam .....Minneapolis.

Nelson, Andrew P.....St. Peter.
Nott, Jairus L.....Minneapolis.
Oakey, James .....Brownton.
Oehler, Frederick.....Wadena.
Oehler, William.....Ortonville.
Okerstein .....Minneapolis.
Olson, Anton.....Upsala.

*Painter, Hobart K.....Fairmount.
Parsons, Henry W.....Minneapolis.

Pearson, Arthur H.....Guadalajara Jalisco, Mexico.
Pease, William.....Elk River.
Peterson, Karl E.....Sauk Rapids.
Peters, John.....Clarissa.
Pressey, Edwin S.....St. Anthony Park.

Ramsey, William G.....St. Charles.
Reitinger, Philip.....Silver Lake.
Richardson, Frank H.....Morris.
Richardson, J. B.....Gasport, N. Y.
Risser, Henry A.....Merriam Park.
Roe, Alvah D.....Minneapolis.
Rogers, Enoch E.....New Paynesville.
Rogers, Samuel J.....Minneapolis.
Ruddock, Charles A.....Lamberton.
Ruddock, Edwin N.....Glenwood.
Rood, John S.....Minneapolis.

Sammis, John H.....Merriam Park.
Sather, Bernhard B.....Winona.
Shultz, Jacob K.....Elk River.
Shurtleff, Ernest W.....Minneapolis.
(Smith, Alexander D., Meth.).....Graceville.
Smith, Esther.....St. Paul.
Smith, G. Ernest.....Minneapolis.
Smith, Frank N.....Staples.
Smith, James E.....Minneapolis.
Smith, John H. B.....St. Paul.
Smith, Oscar M.....Java, N. Y.
Smith, Samuel G.....St. Paul.
Snow, Walter A.....Minneapolis.
Snowden, F. R.....Morristown.
Starr, Otis A.....Excelsior.
Stevens, Moody A.....Minneapolis.
Stiles, Hubert W.....Ada.
Strong, James W.....Northfield.
(Stoney, J. R., Lic.).....Ceylon.
Stutson, Henry H.....Biwabik.
Sumner, Frederick A.....Minneapolis.
Swain, Carl J.....Sauk Rapids.
(Swinnerton, Geo. F., Meth.).....St. Louis Park.

Taylor, H. J.....Lake Park.
Taylor, W. A.....Garvin.
Taintor, Jesse F.....Rochester.
Tebbets, Arthur H.....Minneapolis.
Thom, A. Alex.....Alexandria.
Todd, John W.....Fergus Falls.
Traut, G. Albert.....Excelsior.
Trcha, Charles J.....St. Paul.
Trussell, Wm. F.....Tintah.
Turner, Tell A.....Chillicothe, Ohio.
Thing, M. J. P.....Lake Benton.

Updyke, Stephen G.....New Ulm.

*Vrooman, W. A.....St. Paul.
Valentyne, James W.....Marshall.

Wallar, Wm. C. A.....Little Falls.
Warren, Albert.....Lake Benton.
Warren, Willis A.....Lake City.
Washburn, Francis M.....Lincoln, Colo.
Watt, Richard.....
West, Lester L.....Winona.
Wilson, Daniel E.....Wayzata.
*Willoughby, Albert S.....Granada.
Winter, Paul.....Dexter.
Wilkinson, Wm. A.....Minneapolis.
Wilcox, Charles E.....Northfield.
Wilson, Sherman B.....Faribault.
Wright, Cassius B.....Washington, D. C.
Wingate, Henry K.....Cesarea, Turkey.
(Whalin, J. C., student).....Felton.

Yarrow, Philip W.....St. Louis, Mo.

LICENTIATES.

Austin, Lloyd B.....St. Paul.
Hammond, H. O.....Pelican Rapids.
Johnson, Louis H.....Minneapolis.
Stoney, J. B.....Ceylon.

N. B. Names starred (*) indicate that they are Congregational Ministers, but not members of any Conference in this State.

NECROLOGY.

Only one of our two hundred ministers has been called to Our Father's house during the past year, and he was by many years the oldest of our band.

Rev. Nathaniel Smith, of Hastings, Minn., entered into the home above August 10th, 1902. He was born August 25, 1810, in Pawlet, Vermont; his parents soon after removing to Unadilla, N. Y. On his father's side he was descended from Rev. Henry Smith, the first settled pastor of Wethersfield, Conn.; his mother, Asenath Brewster, was the seventh in line from Elder William Brewster of the Mayflower. His conversion took place in early manhood, after which his thoughts were turned toward the ministry, when he entered college at Whitesborough, N. Y., graduating from there in 1837. He then entered the theological seminary at Oberlin, O., where he graduated in the class of 1840. He was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Pomeroy, of Oberlin, and together they journeyed to the "far West" to engage in pioneer missionary work in Illinois, under the auspices of the Presbyterian Home Missionary Society. As this society at that time received contributions from slaveholders, he refused to accept its aid, and maintained his young family on what his people, in those early days, could spare from their slender incomes. The later years of his ministerial service were mostly spent in evangelistic efforts in which he met with most gratifying results.

Although the infirmities of age prevented him for many years from engaging in the work he so much loved, he attended the state association of which he was a member, until his removal from the state in 1892 to make his home with a daughter, Mrs. Henry Collins, of Lake City, Minn. He attended the State Association there until prevented by increasing weakness. On July 5, 1898, he was rendered almost entirely helpless by an accident, after which the services of a nurse were constantly required, but he bore his affliction with patience and cheerfulness. His death was quiet and peaceful—a fitting close to an honored old age. He leaves three daughters and one son to cherish his memory: Mrs. J. C. Fitch, of Hastings; Mrs. Henry Collins, of Lake City; Gerrett Hale Smith, of Florence, Ala., and Miss M. Alice Smith, of Honolulu, his eldest daughter, Mrs. Nancy Smith, of Lodge, having entered into rest in 1891.

The interment took place in Geneseo, Ill., by the side of his wife, who died November 7, 1885.

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THESE IMPORTANT MATTERS.

Schedules for the Year Book.—These will be sent to pastors or clerks about Dec. 20th. If not received before Dec. 25th, please notify the secretary. It will be a great favor to the secretary if these schedules are carefully filled out and returned before January 15th, 1903.

Any corrections for the Year Book should be sent early to the secretary.

Omissions and Corrections.—A few ministers have removed from the state and failed to send their addresses to the secretary.

The next Annual Meeting will be held with the Pilgrim church, Duluth. Every church should be represented.

Read carefully the new Constitution and the list of Standing Committees for 1903-1904.

Read resolution concerning house of worship at St. Charles. Several churches have already sent in contributions, but there is pressing need for the contributions of one hundred churches.

REV. SAMUEL G. SMITH, D. D.,
MODERATOR OF ASSOCIATION.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR SESSION OF 1903.

MODERATOR:
REV. SAMUEL G. SMITH.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR:
DEACON C. R. ANDREWS.

SCRIBE:
REV. D. E. WILSON.

ASSISTANT SCRIBE:
REV. F. L. V. MESKE.

SECRETARY:
REV. SAMUEL J. ROGERS.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:
REV. J. SIDNEY GOULD,
REV. WILLIS A. WARREN,
NELSON W. CLARK.

NOTICES FOR 1903–1904.

The next Annual Meeting will be held at Duluth on Oct. 4th, 1904.
Sermon by Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock, Minneapolis.
Moderator. Hon. A. A. Miller, Crookston.
Assistant Moderator, Rev. Geo. M. Morrison, St. Paul.
Secretary, Samuel J. Rogers, Minneapolis.
Auditor, John M. Norris, Minneapolis.
Scribe, Rev. F. L. V. Meske, Ortonville.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1903-1904.

BUSINESS.— Rev. Willis A. Warren, Rev. Walter A. Snow, W. S. Woodbridge.

FINANCE AND PRINTING.—D. D. Webster, E. S. Slater and W. J. Dyer.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—Rev. C. E. Burton, Rev. J. H. Sammis and Rev. Hubert O. Judd.

ARRANGEMENTS.—Rev. Alexander Milne and Messrs. Ward Ames and W. N. McMillan.

PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL MATTER.—Warren Upham, Rev. James W. Strong, Rev. S. V. S. Fisher, Rev. Geo. R. Merrill, Rev. H. P. Fisher, Prof. J. J. Dow, W. S. Woodbridge, Dr. Geo. O. Moore.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.—Rev. E. W. Shurtleff, Rev. G. A. Traut, Rev. Wm. J. Gray.

TRUSTEES OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF.—Hon. David P. Jones, Rev. Robert P. Herrick.

VISITORS TO CARLETON COLLEGE.—Hon. A. A. Miller, Moderator; Rev. Henry Stutson, Rev. William J. Gray, Rev. W. H. Medlar, Rev. E. L. Heermance, Rev. F. L. V. Meske, Rev. H. P. Fisher, Rev. Paul Winter, Rev. J. W. Vallentyne, Rev. William B. Pinkerton.

FOR MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—Rev. L. H. Hallock, W. H. Laird, for three years; Rev. Samuel G. Smith, for one year.

NOMINATION FOR MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN BOARD.—Hon. David P. Jones.

COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR 1903.

NOMINATIONS.—Rev. J. H. Albert, Rev. Alexander Milne, W. S. Dibble.

PLACE AND PREACHER.—Rev. F. A. Sumner, Rev. W. C. A. Wallar, W. W. Howard.

RESOLUTIONS.—Rev. E. W. Shurtleff, Hon. L. E. Jepson, Hon. Geo. E. Perley.

MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The forty-eighth annual meeting of the General Congregational Association of Minnesota convened in the Park Congregational Church, St. Paul, on Tuesday, October 6th, 1903, at 10:30 a. m., and was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Samuel G. Smith.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. Alexander McGregor.

Rev. D. E. Wilson was elected Scribe, and Rev. F. L. V. Meske Assistant Scribe.

The old constitution was suspended and the new one adopted for this meeting of the Association.

The report of the Secretary was read and referred to Committee on Printing. (See report A.)

Reports of Treasurer, Auditor and Committee on Finance and Printing were presented, adopted and ordered printed. (See report B.)

Report of Committee on Historical Matter was submitted by Warren Upham, adopted and ordered printed. (See report D.)

Report on "Condition of Churches" was submitted by the Secretary and referred to the Committee on Printing. (See report C.)

The Moderator was instructed to appoint a Committee on Nominations.

Dr. Theo. Clifton addressed the Association on the subject, "The Great Northwest and the Great Southwest."

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Session opened with prayer by Rev. Geo. R. Merrill who gave an exposition of the first twelve chapters of the book of Acts.

Rev. Geo. M. Morrison led in prayer.

Rev. F. L. V. Meske presented a report on Windom Institute, and Rev. R. P. Herrick made a brief address.

The report referred to Committee on Printing. (See report E.)

President William H. Sallmon reported the condition of Carleton College. Report referred to Committee on Printing. (See report F.)

Report on Systematic Beneficence was presented by Rev. E. W. Shurtleff and Pledge System approved with direction to Finance Committee to provide a small sum from the treasury for printing and distributing pledges.

Report referred to Committee on Printing. (See report G.)

Report of Committee on Church Federation was presented and adopted. (See report H.)

Report of Secretary and Treasurer of Ministerial Relief was presented and approved.

Rev. C. H. Crawford addressed the Association on the work of the Anti-Saloon League.

The Moderator appointed Rev. J. H. Albert, Rev. Alexander Milne and W. S. Dibble as Committee on Nominations.

Rev. Samuel W. Dickinson and Rev. Edward P. Ingersoll, D. D., made addresses on the work of the American Bible Society.

TUESDAY EVENING.

The service of song was led by Mr. J. A. Metcalf of the Y. M. C. A. of St. Paul.

Rev. Judson Smith, D. D., made an address upon the encouraging features of the work of foreign missions.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Rev. John Lloyd conducted the devotional service. On account of the absence of the Assistant Moderator, W. H. Laird, of Winona, was elected to this office.

The Committee on Nominations reported in part. (See report I.)

The new constitution reported one year ago was taken up and with some changes in the articles and rules adopted.

Hon. Moses E. Clapp, United States senator, gave an address upon "The Place of the Church in History."

The Secretary, Scribe and Assistant Scribe were appointed a committee on Credentials.

Rev. W. H. Medlar, president of Christian Endeavor Society of Minnesota, presented a report of the work of that society, which was discussed and referred to Committee on Printing. (See report J.)

Rev. W. L. Tenny, D. D., spoke upon "The Progress in the Solution of the Race Problem in the South."

Rev. R. P. Herrick reported the work of the Sunday School and Publishing Society in this state. Referred to Committee on Printing.

A message of fellowship and fraternal greetings was sent to the Congregational convention of Wisconsin now in session at Menominee, Wis., and later in the day a response came to our moderator, "Wisconsin convention reciprocates greetings and sends congratulations and best wishes," R. F. Halsey, moderator.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Meetings of Woman's Home Missionary Union and Minnesota Home Missionary Society. See minutes of these societies.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Meeting was called to order by Rev. F. A. Sumner. A service of song was conducted by Mr. C. J. Hunt. Rev. E. E. Lesher, of Spring Valley, read from 1 Cor. 13 and offered prayer.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. Henry Holmes, of Lowry Hill, Minneapolis, text, Luke 24:40.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev.

Jas. W. Strong and Rev. E. W. Jenny, assisted by Deacons Nelson W. Clark, Geo. E. Perley, Prof. Tate, John Copeland.

An offering was taken for the Ministerial Relief Fund, amount $37.95.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The minutes of previous sessions were read, corrected and approved.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. William B. Hubbard, who gave an exposition of the prophecy of Habakkuk.

It was voted that for temporary adjustment to Article Six in the new Constitution the members of standing committee chosen this year shall serve respectively one, two and three years in the order of their enrollment.

Rev. John S. Rood, visitor to Chicago Seminary, reported. (See report L.)

Rev. George S. Rollins presented a paper on "The Supreme Motive in Missions."

"The Consolidation of the Missionary Appeal" was the theme of Hon. A. A. Miller and the subject was discussed with much interest.

The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was presented and its recommendations discussed, amended and adopted. (See report K.)

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The Woman's Branch of the W. B. M. I. held a session for an hour.

The Committee on Nominations presented a complete report. (See page 4.)

Rev. William A. Rice, D. D., gave an address on "The Minister Who Always Keeps Young."

Rev. S. T. Beatty, of St. Charles, reported the destruction of the house of worship at St. Charles by recent cyclone.

Rev. Geo. S. Rollins made a brief address in the interests of Chicago Seminary.

John B. Harker told the Association about the work of "The Gideons."

The Roll of the Association was read by the Secretary and corrections made.

The Committee on Place and Preacher recommended that Pilgrim Church, Duluth, be the place for the next meeting and Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock be the preacher with President W. H. Sallmon as alternate. Adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions reported and report was adopted. (See report M.)

The salary of the Secretary was fixed at one hundred and fifty dollars per year.

The Registrars of the nine Conferences of the state, with Rev. Alexander Milne as chairman, were appointed a committee to devise some means of redistricting the Conferences.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were duly elected:

Moderator, Hon. A. A. Miller, Crookston.

Assistant Moderator, Rev. Geo. M. Morrison, St. Paul.

Scribe, Rev. F. L. V. Meske, Ortonville.

Visitor to Chicago Seminary for two years, Rev. Charles E. Burton, Minneapolis.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Session opened at 7:45 with praise service. Rev. W. A. Snow read the 40th chapter of the prophecy by Isaiah and led in prayer.

Rev. C. H. Richards, D. D., of the Church Building Society, spoke on the subject "The Relation of the Meeting House to Good Citizenship."

Rev. L. H. Hallock, D. D., delivered an address in commemoration of Jonathan Edwards, and submitted a resolution which was unanimously adopted. (See report M.)

SAMUEL G. SMITH, Moderator.
DANIEL E. WILSON, Scribe.
SAMUEL J. ROGERS, Secretary.

ROLL OF THE ASSOCIATION.

ANOKA CONFERENCE.

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MINNESOTA VALLEY CONFERENCE.

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Lamberton—Rev. C. A. Ruddock, W. C. Starr. *Marshall*—Rev. J. W. Vallentyne, W. S. Dibble, Mrs. W. S. Dibble. *New Ulm*—G. A. Ottomeyer. *Springfield*—Rev. J. V. Plunkett.

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REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Association of 1902 adjourned Friday, Sept. 19th, and the minutes were printed and sent to the churches within four weeks. The statistical report for Minnesota was received in Boston Feb. 27th, being the seventeenth in the order of reception. Possibly we can take a little comfort in the thought that more than thirty reports were received between Feb. 27th and April 25th. Of the 221 churches, 187 reported. Fifteen reported in the last days of December and 140 in Januarv, showing that by a majority of nearly five to one the churches are willing to have a time limit fixed at Jan. 31st. This will enable the Secretary to send off his report to Secretary of National Council as early as the 10th of February. There were more reports sent in during the early part of January this year than in 1902 and hence it seems better for the Secretary to gather these reports than to return to the old way of having them sent to the Registrars.

The number of churches added to the roll in 1902 was nine. The number dropped four. While there were more than 1,800 additions to the churches the removals by letter, by death and revision of rolls were so great that the net gain is only about 200 members.

The number of churches reporting benevolent contributions is 187, a gain of 16.

The grand total of contributions is $74,685, showing an increase of $23,000 over 1901. This increase is due to legacies, but there was a commendable increase in the contributions of the churches to every object but education. In Home expenses there is an increase of $24,211.

There is an apparent loss in the number in our Church Sunday Schools, but the reports of the Schools of the Sunday School Society will more than balance this loss.

There has been an increase of 32 ministers and since the Year Book was issued there has been a large addition of ministers, so that nearly all our Home Missionary churches are supplied. Christian Endeavor Societies are on the increase, with nine more societies than last year and 600 more members.

The report upon "The General Condition of the Churches" is far from satisfactory. The attempt was made by the Secretary to get, through the Registrars, a few words from each church. The majority of the Registrars

have tried to comply with this request and some have given us admirable reports. Others have failed because they could not get anything from the churches.

The report submitted is in the main a report of the nine conferences by the Registrars, edited by the Secretary, with some additions of published facts. The churches not mentioned will understand that it is because they have not taken the trouble to report their condition to the conference, and in very many cases sent no delegates to the local conferences.

SAMUEL J. ROGERS, Secretary.

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REPORT OF TREASURER.

Receipts from Sept. 15th, 1902, to Oct. 5th, 1903:

Balance from last report	$150.10
Anoka Conference, balance of 1902	241.36
Anoka Conference, on account of 1903	200.00
Central Conference, balance of 1902	14.80
Central Conference, in full for 1903	44.00
Duluth Conference, in full for 1903	20.00
Mankato Conference, in full for 1902	52.72
Northern Pacific Conference, in full for 1902	46.68
Owatonna Conference, balance of 1902	58.60
Owatonna Conference, in full for 1903	75.00
Western Conference, in full for 1902 and 1903	48.36
Winona Conference, balance of 1902	28.56
Winona Conference, in full for 1903	48.00
National Council by excess of remittance	2.58
Total	$1,030.76

Expenditures from Sept. 15, 1902, to Oct. 5, 1903:

Bills of Business Committee of 1902	$48.56
Traveling expenses of Rev. Dr. George and Rev. Dr. Bradley	36.35
Printing of Minutes, 1,500 copies	166.25
Wrappers, postage and express on Minutes	27.80
National Council balance of 1902	100.00
National Council dues of 1903 in full	280.00
Salary of the Secretary	100.00
Stationery and printing	6.20
Postage, express and expenses of the Secretary	18.25
Expenses of Rev. W. H. Medlar in visiting Windom Institute, June, 1902	8.50
Business Committee of 1903 for agent for railroads	11.00
Total	$802.91

Total receipts	$1,030.76
Total expenditures	802.91
Balance in Treasury Oct. 5th, 1903	$227.85

SAMUEL J. ROGERS, Treasurer.

Account audited and found correct.
Oct. 5, 1903.
JOHN M. NORRIS, Auditor.

Dues of Conferences unpaid Oct. 5th, 1903:

Minnesota Valley for 1902	$30.80
Anoka, balance for 1903	40.00
Mankato, dues of 1903	40.00
Minnesota Valley dues of 1903	24.00
Northern Pacific, dues of 1903	38.00

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND PRINTING.

To the General Congregational Association of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Finance and Printing reports bills allowed aggregating $802.91. For the items see the Treasurer's report.

The estimates of expenses of the Association for the ensuing year are:

For National Council	$280.00
Printing minutes and postage on same	200.00
Salary of Secretary	100.00
Expense of Business Committee	50.00
Postage, stationery and incidentals	20.00
Total	$650.00

To defray these expenses we recommend an assessment of three and one-half cents a member upon the Churches apportioned as follows:

Anoka Conference	$275.00
Central Conference	50.00
Duluth Conference	21.00
Mankato Conference	44.00
Minnesota Valley Conference	29.00
Northern Pacific Conference	44.00
Owatonna Conference	87.00
Western Conference	23.00
Winona Conference	54.00
Total assessment	$627.00

The work of the Secretary increases from year to year and your Committee suggests that the matter of increasing his compensation be considered by the Association.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND PRINTING.

....., Chairman.
D. D. WEBSTER,
EDWIN S. SLATER.

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THE CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES.

By the Secretary.

ANOKA CONFERENCE.

This Conference now has fifty-five churches and many of them large and strong. There have been very few churches without pastors during the year, and the changes have been less than in some recent years. There have been large accessions to many of the churches, and apparently a steady growth in the greater number. There has been an increase of financial strength and the encouragement which comes from reduction or full payment of old debts. The enlargement of Lyndale church, the rebuilding of People's church, and the addition of two new churches—Edina Mills and Linden Hills,—and the erection of houses of worship at Linden Hills and Gaylord, are most interesting facts for our encouragement. Reviving the work in former fields, and looking out for new places for Sunday School and Mission work are signs of promise. There is in the reports great joy manifested over increase of power in Christian Endeavor and Sunday School work, and an earnest desire expressed for an increase of spiritual life. The churches of this Conference have not in many years been in better condition for a great forward movement.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

This Conference reports twenty-five churches, Starbuck and Union Lake having united with the Conference this year. Many of these churches are weak and some have no pastors and one does not have any service. There are three unassociated churches within the bounds of this Conference. Starbuck, a vigorous new church, has erected a house of worship, and Sauk Centre is building a new house. Big Lake has come to self-support. The stronger churches rejoice in financial prosperity while the weaker churches have a hard struggle to support pastors.

DULUTH CONFERENCE.

With only seven churches in this youngest conference, there has been progress and an increase of interest in financial support, and a looking toward

more system in beneficence. All but one of the churches have pastors, but only two churches have come to self-support. There is a hopeful feeling in the Conference.

MANKATO CONFERENCE.

This Conference reports nineteen churches much scattered over a wide territory in southwestern part of the State. Services have been maintained in all these fields through the year, but there are now some churches without pastors. The Conference has been at work revising its roll, and through its Home Missionary Committee has sought for more effective working of Conference fellowship and for new fields for work with larger offerings for benevolence. One of the new pastors sent in a model report, as follows:

"Membership about the same; attendance largely increased. Practice of infant baptism revived. Some improvement to church property. Two students employed by the church for the summer in country mission work. Sunday School and preaching every Sunday in five neglected fields with an average attendance of over 200. Church means to save its life by losing it."

The Registrar writes: "Our banner church gives for missionary work one-fourth as much as for home expenses; another church gave only one-sixtieth as much as for home expenses. It is found that in order to average up to the standard of the denomination we should in this Conference need to increase our benevolent offerings three fold.

"We are embarked upon 'a state of religion' which at least gives us a clear conscience and which we believe will yield good results for Christ's Kingdom."

MINNESOTA VALLEY CONFERENCE.

With eighteen churches, all supplied with pastors who also occupy some out stations, this Conference is in good condition to do aggressive work. The Conference in its session at Montevideo in June was not largely attended and but few reports came from the churches, but the few were cheerful, and later news from these churches gives encouragement.

Seaforth is enrolled as an associated church. In the sudden death of Rev. Alexander Chambers, Granite Falls sustained a great loss. Another Wisconsin pastor has come to take his place.

Marietta has a new house of worship, dedicated last November.

NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

In territory this is our largest Conference. It has thirty-one churches on its roll, and probably expects to have forty within two years. A new life has come into nearly all of the churches since the awakening of missionary effort one year ago. With many new fields, some occupied old fields have been revived. Some very weak churches have had large accessions. "A good year," "best outlook in our history," "congregations and contributions increasing," "large increase in benevolence," and "most prosperous year in its history," are some of the sentences from the reports. The reports of our

Home Missionary and Sunday School Superintendents give cheerful lines of information concerning the work of this Conference.

OWATONNA CONFERENCE.

This central southern portion of our State has yet many strong churches, but Owatonna Conference reports twenty-one churches with only ten Congregational pastors. Three of these churches have long ago ceased to report any life, and six are now without pastors. The stronger churches report a year of unusual prosperity with services well attended. Dodge Center has completed a beautiful and convenient house of worship, in which the Conference met last May.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

There are fourteen churches in this Conference: Westbrook, organized during the year and ready to come in as soon as Conference shall meet again. Of these churches, four only are self-supporting,—Marshall, New Ulm, Sleepy Eye, Tyler; five only are unyoked with any other,—Lamberton, Marshall, New Ulm, Sleepy Eye, Tyler, and ten are yoked in pairs,—Cornish and Winthrop, Custer and Garvin, Lake Benton and Lake Stay, Selma and Springfield, Westbrook and Walnut Grove. The last two of these pairs are 14 miles distant from each other, rendering it difficult to find men who are strong enough to work the fields.

There are only five pastors in this Conference now serving seven churches. There are eight fields vacant, needing five strong men. Marshall has at great expense rebuilt its house of worship, and Sleepy Eye has completed its new house of worship and parsonage.

WINONA CONFERENCE.

"As a whole the Conference has had a fairly good year." There are fourteen churches and services are maintained in all but one. "Many of the pastors are new to the fields and the work has been unsettled, but we have some good men as leaders and good work will be done." The death of Rev. F. P. Ferguson of Mazeppa was a great loss to that church and to Zumbro Falls.

"Just what the future will bring no one can predict. God knows why Europe is permitted to repeople the Northwest. We simply need to keep close to Christ and close to the work of preaching Him among the lost sheep, assured that the second or third generation of these foreigners will make good citizens."

In these nine Conferences we have two hundred and four churches with sixteen or seventeen unassociated churches that are organized as Congregational churches. It is evident from the reports through the Conferences and directly to the Secretary for the Year Book that there is a healthful though slow growth. There is, however, much more said about the increase of numbers and financial prosperity than there is about the spiritual prosperity. There is, however, from all parts of the State, in some degree, a longing for the manifestation of the Spirit.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL MATTER.

An endeavor was made five years ago, by a committee of the Minnesota Congregational Club, to collect materials for a History of our Congregational Churches, Sunday Schools, and Home Missions in this State. That committee, acting as an auxiliary of this similar committee of this Association, issued a circular, which was sent to all the pastors or clerks of our churches, asking for historical, biographical, and statistical information of the churches and of their pastors and principal founders. As the result of this appeal, numerous manuscript reports and sketches of churches and pastors were received and are on file in the Library of the Minnesota Historical Society, in the State Capitol, the Secretary of that Society being the Chairman of the committee.

Besides those manuscript reports, the Library of the Historical Society contains printed pamphlet reports of some of our churches, and newspaper biographical sketches of many of the Congregational pastors who have labored in this State. The Library also has the series of our Congregational Year Books, and of the Minutes of the Annual Meetings of this Association. From these and all other printed sources of information a large part of the history of Congregationalism in Minnesota may be compiled.

Your committee rejoice that a History of Carleton College is expected soon to be published, to comprise also incidentally much of the history of our denominational growth in this State. With that forthcoming book, and as a companion volume of the same size and same style of printing, this committee recommend that a somewhat detailed history of our general church work in Minnesota be compiled and published, to give concisely the dates and names of the foundation of each of our churches and their progress and condition to the present time, with lists of their pastors and brief notes of their biographies.

It is estimated by your committee, that, if their number should be increased to six or eight members, in various parts of the State, and if the list of the churches be apportioned to the several members of the committee, the information needed for such a history can be obtained through correspondence and personal effort without its becoming too heavy a burden on any one of the members. Probably three years may be reasonably expected to be required for completion of the manuscripts in readiness for publication.

The expenses needful for the first year would be perhaps about twenty-five dollars, for printing a circular of inquiries and for postage in the large correspondence of this work; and it may be suggested that not improbably the Congregational Club will meet this and all further preliminary expenditures.

When the manuscripts shall be ready for publication, some three or four years hence, there will doubtless be found means for the publication, if the

work shall be well done by the enlarged committee which is thus recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN UPHAM, Chairman.

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REPORT OF VISITORS TO WINDOM INSTITUTE.

Windom Institute is the child of the churches of our order and should be taken care of both on account of the place it fills in the Congregational family and by reason of its capacity for growth and development.

In our denomination there is nothing that quite so well answers the purpose for which Windom stands. The country surrounding Montevideo is inhabited by prosperous farming and village communities. The educational advantages are limited. The most of the neighboring villages have grammar schools only, while those in the country have even less resources. Windom with its four-year high school course thus offers unexcelled opportunities for education. We must bear in mind that many of the boys and girls from the towns and farms hesitate to join Montevideo, Appleton or Granite Falls high schools because they feel handicapped by previous poor schooling, by certain linguistic disabilities as well as for financial and age reasons, hence we find 150 and more young people from outside Montevideo gathered at the Institute. The total enrollment last year was 186. There are four departments, the academic, the business, the music and the sewing, all of which are kept up to a high standard of efficiency. Those graduating from the academic department may at once enter Carleton College or the State University, without further examination. Good work is done as can best be testified to by those who know the eight teachers in charge,—men and women of ability and devotion,—while the alumni now numbering 105 have but words of praise for their alma mater.

The material resources of Windom are still limited. It has 33 acres of ground with but one building—not large enough to house all its students, something much desired—since it would bring all under one influence. Yet the building is well adapted to its purpose; the rooms both in the dormitory and teaching departments being neat and homelike as well as practically arranged.

Windom is an all around institution, second to none of the high schools in western Minnesota. Its educational standard is as high as the best; besides it also enjoys the usual accessories such as athletics, literary societies, reading room, library, etc.

And it goes a step further. For being the child of the churches, it is maintained as a Christian institution. Chapel exercises are held each morning, and the students have organized of their own accord a Y. M. C. A. and a Y. W. C. A. The attendance upon the churches at Montevideo is entirely vol-

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PRESIDENT OF CARLETON COLLEGE.

untary. Yet the religious interest is so general and hearty that an influence for good is exerted which cannot be measured.

The students find at Windom a home which is congenial, for the teachers are men and women of good education, of social refinement and Christian character. The new school year, 1903—1904, has opened with an increased attendance and promises to be the best in the history of Windom Institute.

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. V. MESKE.

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REPORT OF REV. WILLIAM H. SALLMON, PRESIDENT OF CARLETON COLLEGE.

To the Forty-eighth Annual Meeting of Congregationalists.:

In his annual report presented to the State Association in September, 1902, President Strong announced the impending change in the presidency of Carleton College. That change took place at the Chapel exercises on January 7th, when the new President assumed office. The activities of the college proceeded in a normal way until the 6th of May, when the inauguration took place. The arrangements were in charge of a committee appointed by the Board of Trustees. The day was perfect, and the program of reunions, processions, receptions, tree-planting and track meet passed off successfully as scheduled.

It was a matter of extreme regret that the capacity of the Church and the facilities for entertainment did not admit of a more general invitation, but the friends of the College readily understood the situation.

The installation services were presided over by Mr. William H. Laird, President of the Board of Trustees, who presented the new President with the charter of the College and the keys to the buildings. Mr. Geo. R. Lyman, Chairman of the Inauguration Committee, introduced the speakers, Dr. Irwin Shepard for the Trustees, Prof. Lyman for the Faculty, Mr. Albert J. Nason for the Alumni, and President Cyrus Northrop for the University. The principal address was delivered by the Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes, Secrteary of Yale University. The music was in charge of Prof. Gray, and two hymns were written for the occasion by Prof. Huntington. The invocation was by the Rev. Dr. Hallock and the prayer by the President Emeritus, Dr. Strong.

Shortly after the arrival of the new President the members of the Faculty tendered to him their resignations, stating that they did so with no desire of severing their relations with the College, but in order to leave him as free as his predecessor had been for the independent choice of his teaching staff. Among the evidences of devotion and loyalty to the institution surely this was the crowning act.

During the year a Union has been formed of the old students who have not been graduated. This Union will, in some sense, do for the non-graduates what the Alumni Association does for the graduates.

The Day of Prayer for the Students was observed with appropriate services, and several expressed their purpose to enter into a personal relation with Christ.

On Good Friday, recitations were suspended by a vote of the Faculty. In the morning a letter on "The Passion at Oberammegau" was delivered, and in the afternoon a Vesper Service was held.

The enrollment for 1903-04 showed a total of 340 students. Of these 245 were in the College, 69 in the Academy, and 73 in the School of Music. It may be noted that while the College increased during the year from 219 to 245, the Academy decreased from 80 to 69. The enrollment at the present time as compared with the same time last year shows an increase of 20 students, notwithstanding the withdrawal of 40 in June, the largest graduating class in the history of the College. The incoming class includes 18 valedictorians of high schools, thus insuring a high standard of scholarship.

There was no graduating class in the Academy last year owing to the change from the three years course to the four years course. And we have noted with interest that the increase in this year's figures is not due so much to the influx of new students as to the return of a larger proportion than ever of former students. This holding of the students through a continuous course is a consummation devoutly to be wished.

Perhaps the most interesting development of the year is the plan of the Student Volunteers for Foreign Missions to establish a "Carleton Mission" in China. The object will be to send Carleton Alumni to some station to be designated by the American Board. Carleton men will furnish money and conduct a campaign to secure increased contributions in the Churches. In the furtherance of the plan the leaders of the movement have had the benefit of conference with Dr. Judson Smith, who has rendered wise and valued counsel as to the modus operandi. It may be some time before any definite plans can be made public for there is a determination to lay the foundation well before launching the movement.

President Sallmon concluded an outline of his views respecting the relation of the College to the Congregational Churches of the States, from the standpoint of the Churches and from that of the College. Historically, the first Trustees of the College were nominated by the State Association, and the Churches of the State contributed $10,000 towards a "Founder's Fund." Carleton does not forget this connection. The Churches have a right to expect from the College recruits for the ministry at home and abroad, and trained workers who will readily and intelligently stand by the Pastor in the home churches. The College founded under Congregational auspices regards itself, as stated in its catalogue for some years, as "not sectarian and not denominational." Owing to the difference in polity, it is not as are the Presbyterian and Methodist Colleges, under denominational control. Its Trustees, Faculty and students embrace many denominations, and even the President at the present time is a Presbyterian. But the relationship to the Congregational Churches is so close that they are naturally the first field in which students and support are sought. President Sallmon urged the ministers to watch for young men of promise who might be directed into the ministry, and

to send them to Carleton for their Collegiate preparation. He said that there should exist mutual harmony and mutual support. There should be no contrasts and no contest, for, while the work is different in kind, the final object of the Church and of the Christian College is the same, the glorifying of God by extending His kingdom through Christian education.

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SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

To the General Congregational Association:

The general tenor of this report may be regarded as hopeful and as prophetic of an early increase of fruitage in the benevolences of our churches. In several of the larger churches of the Association there has been an encouraging gain in all lines of missionary giving. This has been, in every case, the result of carefully planned campaigns, as in the appointing of special committees in a church to have charge of some specific object of benevolence, to be responsible for the distribution of literature emphasizing the needs and importance of the work, on the Sunday preceding the stated collection, and in other ways to awaken interest in the matter throughout the parish. This system has been worked this year in connection with the pledge card and has proved a marked success. While it cannot be said that any such thorough plan has been adopted by the churches of the state, at large, yet there has been manifest a general increase of interest towards the adoption of systematic methods, and from several parts of the state reports have been received from churches which have been operating along no less practical lines: e. g., from one of the neighboring conferences comes the statement that one of the churches devotes the regular Sunday morning offering to benevolences unless otherwise announced, the sums thus received being divided at the annual meeting according to a percentage then agreed upon; in addition to this special offering are made on specified Sundays, for the Congregational Societies, and the ladies of the church make their regular canvass for the W. B. M. I. and the H. M. U., "securing pledges from every woman and girl connected with the church." The Y. P. S. C. E. also makes its pledge which is paid in weekly installments. This, to be sure, is the largest church in the conference, but in connection with it come the reports of four of the smaller churches in the same conference, bearing witness to hardly less practical and definite methods of work; and from nearly all of the conferences, reports show a tendency on the part of the churches towards systemization, which is most encouraging.

The same embarrassment of sweeping territory has confronted your committee as that which challenged the committee of a year ago. It is impossible for any set of men satisfactorily to accomplish the work expected of them in this field unless there be some way devised by which they may carry out the ideas adopted by the men who have labored before them, thus securing

a continuity of plan. There ought, therefore, to be some general plan adopted by the Association which should be a guide to newly appointed members of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence; for this reason the present committee would recommend that action looking towards that end be taken at this present meeting, and that the Association sanction some general plan and recommend it to the churches. It need not be regarded as a hindrance to any pastor in carrying out any original methods which may seem peculiarly fitted to his field, nor as interfering with any plan which may already be in successful operation in the churches; on the other hand it will prove a guide to the newly organized churches in remote parts of the state and out of touch with Congregational usages, it will represent unity of action throughout the whole body of the denomination and will provide, as already hinted, a vantage ground from which the new committee having in charge this work may approach the problems of systematic beneficence in coming years. Therefore the following recommendation is offered with the hope that it may be acted upon at this present meeting: That the General Congregational Association of Minnesota adopt as its plan for beneficence the so-called Pledge system, recommending its use in the churches throughout the state, that an adequate sum of money be appropriated for the printing of such cards and that they be put into the hands of the committee on systematic beneficence and serve as the basis for their operations in the near future, being supplied by them to the churches which accept the counsel of the association, and adopt this common method, the details, such as the specifications of objects to be mentioned on card, being left to the judgment of the committee.

E. W. SHURTLEFF.
G. A. TRAUT.
WM. J. GRAY.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH FEDERATION.

In the spring of 1902 the general representatives of missionary work of four Denominations held a conference in Minneapolis with Dr. E. B. Sanford, Secretary of the National Church Federation Society. As a result each one present agreed to bring the proposal of a State Federation of churches to the attention of the annual meeting of his own denomination and endeavor to secure the appointment of a Committee with power to act.

Our General Association of 1902 appointed the Committee asked for, with power to act with representatives of not less than two other evangelical denominations.

The Chairman of your Committee, as convener, sent due notice to the representatives of the other Denominations who had been participants in the initial conference and called a meeting of appointed committees in Minneapolis. At that meeting there were present the members of your Committee whose names are appended to this report, and no others.

It was afterward learned that owing to the absence from the city of the one who should have received the notice to the Presbyterians the Committee appointed by that body was not aware of the meeting.

By the terms of its appointment your Committee were only able to adjourn.

GEORGE R. MERRILL,
CYRUS NORTHROP,
ALEXANDER McGREGOR.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR REPORT.

The Christian Endeavor movement may be divided into three periods:

1. Period of enthusiasm and great popularity.
2. Period of reaction and criticism.
3. Period of reconstruction and deepening of the work.

The period of enthusiasm covers the first two decades. The great conventions held in the largest cities of the country and London, England, marked it as a big movement and made it a veritable "triumphal entry" for Christ. Their songs were like the sound of mighty waters. This high pressure enthusiasm could not always last.

The second period of reaction and criticism was inevitable. Men who could not quite understand the principles and laws of great movements began to criticise it as being simply so much wind, a great big bluff, or a man-made enthusiasm which had seen its day and was passing away.

Such critics were for the most part men who could not adequately appreciate young people and young life. Pastors who were unsuccessful in their work with young people in their local societies, aimed their darts of criticism at the general movement.

But by actual statistics gathered by Mr. Southgate at the last Triennial Council from 1,800 pastors, 45 States and Territories and 39 denominations, 91 per cent of pastors believe in the pledge, 92 testify that Endeavorers are as faithful to their pledge as church members are to their church vows, 96 per cent attest to the faithfulness and church loyalty of Christian Endeavorers, 99 per cent believe that the C. E. movement marks an advance in Christian work for young people.

Youth is the best, the unadulterated period for life with God. "Your young men shall see visions." The armies of young people who have come into the church in these modern times are a great help and inspiration to our church life. The pastor who knows life, and the field of greatest resources, will faithfully and appreciatively cultivate these young people. The third period is that of reconstruction. The fuller organization and the deepening of the work characterizes this period.

Like the Pennsylvania coal fields, the deeper levels reveal rich stores. Christian endeavor is intensive and extensive. It goes over sea and land and every continent. It readily adapts itself to church and college and uni-

versity, to factory and jail, to battlefield and navy. Its organization of the tenth legion for systematic giving,—of the prayer league for the silent devotions, of the Christian Citizenship League, and of the Macedonian Phalanx,—are a few of the great features of the fuller organization. The 10 per cent increase movement the past year has given great growth to the Societies. Field Secretaries are now at work in nearly all the countries of the world.

The undenominational feature of the work is specially to be commended in foreign fields.

In our own State there are 635 Societies with about 19000 members.

Seventy-five new Societies were organized last year. This work was done without salaried officers. Young people all over the State are hungry for help and stimulus from State officers.

There is great need of a field Secretary, but a lack of funds has made this impossible. I want to bespeak the most earnest sympathy and co-operation of the pastors in this work.

WILLIAM H. MEDLAR.

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REPORT OF STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Your committee has no criticism to make of the Sunday School. It is doing a remarkable work with the machinery at its command. Our aim in this report is to make suggestions as to how our Sunday Schools may be multiplied and their machinery improved. We shall give the bulk of our report to the consideration of Sunday School mission work. As to the Sunday School curriculum, we have only the following suggestions to offer. We recommend, as a first step in the matter of proper grading, the special Primary lessons provided by the Publishing Society. We regret that special lessons for Bible classes have not been provided by the Society, and we urge the speedy issuing of such a course, whether the other publishing agencies cooperate or not. We urge the Sunday School Committee, appointed two years ago by the National Council, to provide a better system of Sunday School lessons as instructed by the churches. In the present chaos we had hoped for light from their report, but are beginning to lose patience. In the meantime, we recommend the "Blakeslee" lessons to schools which have become dissatisfied with the method of covering the Bible followed by the International lessons. We call attention, for use in the advanced classes, the courses issued by the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A. These courses are admirably arranged to make those following them really study the Bible, and the results achieved in the Y. M. C. A. might be duplicated in our Sunday Schools. We also call attention to the four courses issued by the American Institute of Sacred Literature, equally well-arranged for study.

As to teacher training, we commend the State Sunday School Association for its institute meetings by counties, etc., and urge our Congregational Sunday School workers to do all in their power to make these more efficient.

We specially commend the Religious Education Association, recently organized to promote moral and religious education. We urge all our pastors and Sunday School workers to become members of this association, either individually or by schools, so as to receive its valuable literature.

Coming now to our Sunday School mission work, what is the situation which confronts us? From personal observation and the testimony we have taken, we report as follows. The churches in Minnesota are mostly in the towns, for economic reasons. Yet in our state a trifle over one-half of the population may be classed as rural. Draw about each town a circle with a four-mile radius and you have the extent of the direct influence of its churches. For the average English Protestant today will not drive regularly more than four miles to service. Of the 900,000 people of our state living in the country, the greater proportion are beyond any such four-mile radius. They live on scattered farms or in very small communities. They cannot or do not go to the churches, if these are in the towns. The churches must go to them. We are here confronting a situation which is relatively permanent. New railroads, with new towns, will help certain localities. But for many decades to come there will remain large sections of our state which for religious services are out of reach of any town.

What are the churches of Minnesota doing to meet this situation? The Lutheran churches have covered the field with some thoroughness where there were homogenous Lutheran communities. Our own and other English denominations have a certain number of flourishing country churches. A very much larger number have died, and others are moribund. Large sections in the more settled portions of the state have been exploited and then abandoned. Large sections in the newer portions of the state have never been entered at all. As our foreign population is Americanized, we find an increasing number drifting away from the foreign churches which formerly served them.

Of the 900,000 people of our state living in the country, a large proportion are unchurched today. That is the situation which confronts us. That, in a sentence, is the problem of Sunday School work. We say the problem of Sunday School work, because this must be the basis of work in country districts, the foundation on which all further work shall rest. Taking this as our thesis, without stopping to give the proof for it, we pass on to consider the means at our command of churching the country through the medium of Sunday School work.

Much may be done where the churches, particularly the stronger churches in the towns, reach out into the country immediately around them. This is essentially layman's work. We would give all honor to the lay workers who are giving their time and strength to keep up such mission fields. But we plead for more of this work. With the cry of the country sounding in our ears, we plead for more "parochial unselfishness," for more interest in this work by the pastors of our churches, that they plan for it, organize and direct it, for more of this practical Christian endeavor by the young people of our churches.

And yet this work by local churches only touches the edge of the problem.

Organized effort is needed to enter the fields lying beyond such reach. And just here we are confronted by a question we would gladly have passed by Two agencies appeal to us for funds to carry on this wider work,—the Congregational Sunday School Society and the American Sunday School Union. Doubtless there is work enough for both, but does that justify the members of our churches in contributing to both? It is well squarely to face the question, whether this work of entering the unchurched districts of the country can be done better through our own Congregational Society or through the Sunday School Union. After long and careful consideration, your committee has come to the following conclusion. We honor the spirit of the Sunday School Union; its work has been strictly interdenominational. We recognize the wide extent of its work, in this state very nearly three times as large as that of our Congregational Society in the number of workers and in the number of schools organized. We remember the great good it has done, and the many Congregational churches which have grown out of its work. But we are led to recommend that the money given by our churches for Sunday School work be given to our Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society, on two grounds. In the first place, our Congregational Society is as well fitted as the American Sunday School Union to plant union schools. That is perhaps our greatest function, as a denomination, to unite in one worshipping assembly the field which, without our policy, must remain hopelessly divided on denominational lines. And in the second place, our Congregational Society can give the supervision so necessary to keep schools alive, to develop higher efficiency and a fuller religious organization. The work of the Union is necessarily a work of planting, or replanting. Its missionaries cannot closely supervise the later growth of the schools it plants; its policy is to place schools, where possible, under the supervision of a neighbor church of some denomination. This proves to be, in most cases, a farce; the neighbor minister preaches for one summer and then drops it. This explains the alarming death-rate of schools planted by the Union. We lay down the general principle for such Sunday School missionary work, that where Sunday Schools are organized without the actual supervision of some pastor or church, the work is temporary, and therefore largely a waste of time and money. The American Sunday School Union, owing to the conditions under which it works, has failed along this line. But our Congregational Sunday School Society in Minnesota has followed this principle, more or less successfully. It has planted schools with the idea of their ripening into churches; the schools for the most part have been carefully nurtured with this end in view. Taking the 31 schools planted by the society last year, 5 have already been organized into churches, 21 are under the *actual* supervision of some missionary or pastor, and only 5 remain for which we consider the supervision inadequate, as far as reported. In all but one of these five the school is under the *nominal* supervision of some pastor or church.

The chief trouble with the work of our Congregational Sunday School Society in Minnesota has been its small extent. When we think of the need of these neglected country districts, when we think of the peculiar adaptation of our Congregational polity to country work, $4,663.87 seems a ridicu-

lously small sum for us to be expending on such work. And only about one-third of this is given by the Congregationalists of Minnesota. Is $1,435.86 the measure of our duty toward Sunday School work in our own state? We urge gifts to the Sunday School Society, not only from all our Sunday Schools but from all our churches. We urge individual churches to assume the support of missionaries who shall represent them in the field and report to them on the progress of their work. Smaller churches may support students for the summer. Large churches may support missionaries throughout the year. We commend the special efforts made by the Woman's Home Missionary Union since the beginning of the year to support a circuit rider for this society.

Your committee has reviewed the work of the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society in Minnesota, and has only one recommendation to make. We consider that the best work done during the past year was the Swedish-American work around Mille Lacs, and the work in the Park Rapids field. Best because, by grouping a number of stations into circuits, large results are being obtained at a comparatively small expense for planting and supervision. We recommend that this practice be carried further, and made the policy of the Sunday School Society in Minnesota. The great work of the Society is in the country districts. Its function is to plant Sunday Schools and to nurture them after they are planted. If this work is to be done with the greatest economy, it must be done on a large scale. Enough schools must be started in a given locality to form a circuit. There are many counties in the state where a field worker of the Society could start a dozen schools tomorrow, a dozen as well as one or two. If the Society cannot occupy every county in the state, let it choose as many as it can occupy on a large scale. Let the work that is done be done thoroughly. The field worker of the Society may plant these schools and give them adequate supervision. He may nurture them in their early growth, by pastoral visits and preaching, once in so often or so long at a time. When the fields have ripened somewhat, they should be divided into smaller circuits, each under the charge of a regular pastor, or yoked with existing home missionary churches. Whether these permanent circuits be larger or small must depend largely on the fields themselves, on how much they raise for a pastor's support. The aim in circuit work is to make the work as nearly self-supporting as is consistent with the best interests of the kingdom of God in a given locality. The object of having a large number of fields in one section is chiefly to render possible the needed regrouping of circuits. We are speaking of circuits of Sunday School and preaching stations rather than of churches. The final aim in Sunday School planting is the organization of churches, but this is often a matter of years of careful nurture.

If the question arises whether, in recommending this policy of broad planting and careful nurture under a circuit system, we are not entering on the province of the Home Missionary Society, we answer Yes. We cannot decide where the function of one society begins and that of the other ends. We appreciate the increasing harmony and co-operation between the two societies in Minnesota. This is essential, because the offspring of the Sunday School Society must perish if driven from the Home Missionary Society's

doors. Your committee has come to feel, and we believe that the feeling is general, that the Sunday School Society and the Home Missionary Society, and we might include the Church Building Society, have identical work in Minnesota, in this matter of churching the country. We wish to see this great work go forward. We wish to see more money put into it. And we believe more money will be put into it by our churches if it is done on a scale large enough to insure economy of means and adequacy of results, on a scale large enough to create the impression that our Congregational churches look on the systematic churching of the country as their chief business.

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CHICAGO SEMINARY.

Chicago Seminary had a prosperous year in the midst of unexpected burdens and changes. A beloved, and a most useful member of the Faculty, Prof. Chamberlain, was removed by death. Prof. McKenzie has been called to the Presidency of Harford Seminary, and goes there the first of January. A *sacrifice* to the advantage of the Eastern Institution, and although not entirely a willing sacrifice, we may well congratulate ourselves that the distinguished scholar and teacher is still in our family circle.

The Triennial Convention came this year, which added interest to the commencement time and brought good cheer and encouragement to the Seminary.

Prof. Curtiss came to his twenty-fifth anniversary, as a member of the Faculty. A banquet in the First Church and a reception in the parlors of Fisk Hall were held in honor of Prof. Curtiss and his long years of usefulness in the Seminary, and in connection with our Chicago City Missionary work.

Besides the usual class, two women were graduated from the Bible Institute and Training School, the first to receive diplomas from this new and promising enterprise.

The Seminary is confronted by a serious financial condition, and this fact was much emphasized at commencement time, and since then the churches, whose child the Seminary is, have heard of the urgent financial need. The need of funds for current expenses, and added endowment, must receive attention, else this school cannot hold its entire faculty and maintain its present *efficiency*.

By an adverse Supreme Court decision, the taxes on Seminary properties are largely increased. On the other hand, the income from rentals and investments has greatly fallen off.

It is believed that the churches and friends, who constitute the constituency of our Chicago Seminary, will again rally to its adequate financial sup-

port, and will continue to pray for it and give to it of their choicest sons in preparation for the ministry of the Gospel of Christ, the strengthening of the church and the establishment of the Kingdom in the lives of men.

JOHN S. ROOD,
Visitor.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we put on record our grateful appreciation of the "outcome of extended deliberations by the joint committee of the Methodist-Protestant, United Brethren and Congregational denominations, in a plan for a working union of these bodies of Christians which contemplates large and important combinations of resources and efforts, and which looks towards organic unity."

We trust that under the guidance of the Holy Spirit a way may be found to combine the organized agencies of these bodies in a working agreement with one another. As far as churches of these denominations are found in communities, or neighborhoods, where our churches are located, we advise that advances be made to secure such acquaintance, fellowship and co-operation as may be locally possible, and for the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

Resolved (by the Chairman of Business Committee), That it is the sense of this body that in the future more of the time of our state meetings be occupied by the men from our own state together with such men from abroad as the Business Committee in its wisdom may invite.

Whereas, recent storms have laid waste the edifice of our Congregational church in St. Charles, Minn., and the people of that church are left destitute of a place of worship, and

Whereas, an expression of our sympathy in the form of pecuniary aid would be most timely, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Association recommend that a special collection be taken in the churches of our state and that the amount thus received be forwarded by the Treasurer to the Church in St. Charles.

Resolved, That the Minnesota Association of Congregational churches recommend that every Congregational church in the State take an annual offering for the Ministerial Relief Fund, the offering to be equally divided between the National and State societies, and that we hereby express the hope that in the near future some plan may be devised for the unification of the administration of Ministerial Relief, both National and State.

Resolved, That the Home Missionary directors of the State be specially urged to so adjust appropriations in aid of missionary pastors that their annual income shall not in any case fall below $700.

Whereas, the present plan of administering our National benevolences is still under discussion at state meetings, as to its efficiency, and

Whereas, it seems to be the general consensus of opinion that the resolutions passed at our last National Council concerning both the federation of our benevolent societies and the publication of a single Missionary Magazine, covering the entire field of missionary work, should be again brought to the attention of our National Societies with the request that they be acted upon; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the State Association of Minnesota respectfully urge that early action be taken towards closer federation of our National Societies and the consolidation of our periodic missionary literature.

Whereas, many of the themes presented to this body for consideration are of such a nature as to awaken varied opinions, therefore be it

Resolved, that it be the feeling and wish of the Association that future programmes provide a larger opportunity for general discussion on the part of those in attendance.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association be extended to the Park Congregational Church and to the other churches uniting in providing entertainment for the Forty-eighth Annual Meeting of the Association, for their most thorough and cordial hospitality during the sessions of this body; to the pastor of this church for the generous gifts of time and energy put forth in carrying out the plans of the Entertainment Committee; to the Programme Committee for the most excellent list of topics placed before us; to the organist and singers who have so delightfully ministered in the service of praise; to the public press for its courtesy; to Hon. Moses E. Clapp for his inspiring participation in our deliberations; and to all others who by their cooperation with us in the purposes of this convention have made our meeting memorable; and, further

Resolved, That the Moderator of the Association be instructed to make known at the close of the session the thanks of the Association to all who have thus participated in providing for our comfort and entertainment.

Whereas, the last service in the present series of the Association has been one of the most interesting, uplifting and stimulating, and

Whereas, the scholarly and inspiring address of Rev. Dr. Charles H. Richards of the Church Building Society has proved one of the most acceptable provisions of the Programme Committee, and

Whereas, the other features of the service have been of the same high order of excellence, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Association express its sincere appreciation of the wisdom of the Committee in placing "best things last" and that it hereby registers its regrets that so many of the members of this body have by their early departure missed the closing session of our meeting, and, be it further

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that it is most desirable that delegates to the meetings of this body, in courtesy to the speakers of the closing session, and in order to sustain until the end a power which is

found in numbers, should regard it as a duty as well as a rich privilege, to remain until the Association adjourns.

ERNEST W. SHURTLEFF,
L. E. JEPSON,
GEO. E. PERLEY,
Committee.

MEMORIAL ON JONATHAN EDWARDS.

By Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock.

Whereas, the memory of a great and good man is at once a delight and an inspiration: and

Whereas, we have just passed the 200th anniversary of the birth of that giant intellect, master of ethics and Christian reasoning, a Congregational missionary pastor of New England, Jonathan Edwards; therefore

Resolved, That we, the Congregational Association of Minnesota, record our gratitude to God for His gift of this man who, by his deeply rational and highly spiritual qualities of mind and heart, by his clear vision and fearless heroism availed to stem the tide of spiritual declension and concession of his day and to restore to their rightful supremacy Scriptural views of God, the freedom of the human will and the significance and necessity of true conversion.

However we may grow to differ from any of his conclusions or methods, we cheerfully accord to Jonathan Edwards the first place among those who moulded, enriched and clarified Christian thought and experience for at least a hundred years.

We commend to our ministry renewed study of the character and career of this greatest American theologian and philosopher, whose writings are still classic and whose devoted service and sacrifice for God and the truth (as he saw it) are worthy of undiminished admiration,—a model of strength and heroism toward which we may well aspire.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

OF THE

GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA.

CONSTITUTION.

NAME.

Article 1.—This Association shall be called the "General Congregational Association of Minnesota."

OBJECT.

Art. 2.—It disclaims all ecclesiastical power or authority, but aims to promote fellowship and co-operation among the Congregational Churches of Minnesota.

DOCTRINE.

Art. 3.—It is in substantial accord with the doctrinal statement issued by the National Council of 1883.

MEMBERSHIP.

Art. 4.—Any minister who is a member of a Congregational conference in this State shall be entitled to a seat in this body; also two delegates from each church connected with such conference, with an additional delegate for each fifty resident members after the first hundred, conference registrars, officers of the Association, members of its standing committees, the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society, and of the Minnesota Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Interior.

Others present at any meeting, whose names are proposed by the nominating committee, may be made honorary members with all privileges of membership except voting.

OFFICERS.

Art. 5.—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator and Scribe, elected annually by ballot at the closing session; an Assistant Scribe, and Auditor, chosen annually viva voce, and a Secretary,

elected triennially by ballot, who shall have charge of the records, correspondence and statistics, and may also be Treasurer. They shall hold office until their successors are chosen.

COMMITTEES.

Art. 6. The standing committees of this Association to be chosen annually, shall be a Business Committee, a Committee of Arrangements, of which the pastor of the entertaining church shall be a member, a Committee of Finance and Printing, a Sunday School Committee, of three members each, one of whom shall be chosen annually to serve three years, and a Board of Visitors to Carlton College, including the Moderator of the Association with one representative from each conference. The Business Committee shall always have one member who has served upon said committee within the last two years. The minister of the church with which the annual meeting is held shall be a member of the Committee of Arrangements.

For each annual meeting there shall be Committees of three each, on Nominations, on Place and Preacher, on Resolutions, and on Credentials.

TIME OF MEETING.

Art. 7. The annual meeting of this Association shall begin on the first Tuesday in October and close as directed by the Business Committee. Should an exigency arise requiring an extra meeting of this body, or a change from the appointed time and place, such appointment or change may be made by the Moderator, Secretary, Chairman of the Business Committee, and Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, or by three of these upon giving adequate notice.

AMENDMENTS AND RULES.

Art. 8.—This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, notice of such amendment having been given at the previous meeting.

Any rule of the Association may be temporarily suspended by a two-thirds vote.

RULES.

1. The annual meeting shall be called to order by the Moderator or Assistant Moderator, or in their absence by the Secretary, or the minister of the church with which the meeting is held.

2. The Secretary, with tellers appointed by the Chair, shall collect the names of members, of the church each delegate represents, and of the conference to which each minister belongs. On the following morning the roll shall be read, and the organization completed.

3. The Minutes of the preceding day shall be read each morning for correction, and the corrected Minutes shall be read for approval before the final adjournment.

4. Every motion, if requested, shall be reduced to writing, and every written motion, when seconded, shall be passed to the Scribe, who shall take charge of all reports presented to this body, and all papers received.

5. In debate, no one shall speak upon the same question more than twice or longer than ten minutes, except by vote of the body.

6. The Moderator, on the opening day of the annual meeting at which he presides, shall deliver an address upon the religious aspects and spiritual progress of Congregationalism in Minnesota.

7. The Secretary shall collect statistics from the conferences and churches, shall record and report to the Moderator events of special significance in the work of the year, as reported by the registrars, and shall publish and distribute the minutes of this body, for which service he may receive reasonable compensation.

8. The Treasurer shall collect through the Registrars the funds due this body from the conferences, according to the apportionment made by the Committee on Finance.

9. The Business Committee shall prepare the program for the annual meeting and publish the same at least two weeks before the time of meeting. They shall also prepare the order of business for each session, designating the time when all papers and reports shall be received. They shall provide for at least one devotional meeting each day at a time favorable for general attendance. New business shall be introduced only through the Business Committee, except upon vote of the Association.

10. The Nominating Committees, appointed by the Moderator at the opening session, shall nominate all officers and committees not otherwise provided for, and shall propose the names of honorary members.

11. The Committee of Arrangements shall make all local provision for the annual meeting.

12. The Committee on Finance shall approve all bills to be paid by the Treasurer, and shall estimate the expenses of this body for the ensuing year and apportion the same among the conferences, such apportionment to be published in the Minutes.

13. At the meeting of this body next previous to the meeting of the National Council, delegates at large and alternates, half of each to be laymen, shall be chosen to represent the Congregational churches of the State at National Council.

THE CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Secretaries.....Rev. Joseph B. Clark, D. D., Rev. Washington Choate, D. D.
Treasurer.....Mr. William B. Howland.
Represented in Minnesota by.....Rev. George R. Merrill, D. D., Supt.

THE MINNESOTA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. James W. Strong, D. D., LL. D. (1872-1904).....*President*
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Hon. Lowell E. Jepson .....Term expires in 1904
Rev. F. A. Sumner.....Term expires in 1904
E. D. Slater.....Term expires in 1904
Hon. W. H. Laird.....Term expires in 1905
Rev. Geo. M. Morrison.....Term expires in 1905
Rev. S. G. Smith, D. D.....Term expires in 1906
Hon. Geo. E. Perley.....Term expires in 1906

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

HELD AT

ST. PAUL, MINN., WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, OCT. 7, 1903.

The annual meeting was called to order by Pres. J. W. Strong.

The Scribes, and Committees on Nominations and Printing, of the State Congregational Association, now in session, were requested to act in their several capacities at this meeting.

Prayer was offered by Rev. A. G. Washington.

The annual report of the Board of Directors of the Society was read by Rev. Geo. M. Morrison, Secretary, and referred to the Committee on Printing.

Rev. Geo. R. Merrill, Superintendent of the Congregational Home Missionary Society, presented a paper on "The Year in Home Missions," which was referred to the Committee on Printing.

Cyrus Northrop, LL. D., President of the Congregational Home Missionary Society, addressed the Society.

Rev. Allen Clark, General Missionary for Northern Minnesota, made an address on "The Work and Outlook at the North." At the close of the address Dr. Northrop led in receiving a special offering of $1,260.00 for the immediate needs of the work.

Voted: "That the extra fund this day pledged, be sent through the Treasury of the C. H. M. S., and that $1,000.00 of it be expended, when received, as an additional appropriation for the work in Northern Minnesota for which it was raised."

Rev. S. G. Smith and Geo. E. Perley were elected as Directors of the Minn. H. M. S. for the term of three years each.

Session closed with prayer and benediction by Rev. Richard Hall.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MINNESOTA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

During the year ending Sept. 1 aid has been recommended for 56 fields with 108 preaching stations, in which 65 men have ministered to over 4,800 people. In these fields there have been built or repaired 14 church buildings and 4 parsonages. In 13 fields the aid asked was less than in the previous year.

Of the fields whose names occurred in last year's list, 22 do not appear this year, but it is not to be inferred that all these have become self-supporting. In several cases a delay in making the application has brought the record later than Sept. 1. Many of the new names that appear are of those similarly belated the previous year. We are advised that it is the intention of the New York office to insist on greater promptness in forwarding applications, and that it is probable that hereafter no aid will be dated back more than 60 days from the meeting of the Executive Committee at which it is presented. The Committee meets on the first Monday of each month, but the docket is closed on the Wednesday previous. The Minnesota Directors meet usually ten days earlier, and their docket closes about the 12th of each month, before which time, applications, properly indorsed by the Conference Committee, should be in hand. That is, if aid is asked for 12 months from Dec. 1, the application, indorsed by the Conference Committee, must be received by the Superin-

tendent not later than Jan. 10; otherwise it will be put over a month and the aid will be granted from Jan. 1 instead of Dec. 1. This will mean the loss of a month's aid to the church, which it will be out of the power of the Minnesota Directors to prevent.

Six names of new fields appear in this year's record, representing 25 places where work has been opened. Of ministers who were on the list last year, there are 27 whose names do not appear in the present list. Of these 8 are found elsewhere in connection with self-supporting churches, 12 have left the State, 1 has been removed by death, 2 are laid aside by sickness, and 4 are without charge. Twenty-nine new names appear, of whom 18 are men who are new in the State and 7 have been received from other denominations.

In recent months several members of the Board have visited in the newer and rapidly developing northern section of the State; and the result of their personal observation is only the confirmation of their sense of the urgent demand for increase of work. But already the utmost funds at our disposal have been appropriated, and further advance can be made only as a result of larger giving in Minnesota or increased appropriations from the New York office.

GEO. M. MORRISON,
Secretary.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR IN HOME MISSIONS.

GEORGE R. MERRILL,
Superintendent Congregational Home Missionary Society.

It has been a good year in Home Missions. Our Society has been freed from debt, and from Cuba to Alaska has been pressing with steady progress its constantly enlarging work. It has not been doing all that the challenges of opportunity demand, for these have been far in advance of the will of the churches as shown by the funds they have intrusted to the Society.

SUMMARY.—During the year ending March 31, 1903, 1,871 men have labored under the commission of the Society, in forty-seven states and territories, supplying 2,573 congregations and preaching in English, German, Swedish, Danish, Norwegian, Bohemian, Polish, French, Mexican, Italian, Finnish, Armenian, Welsh, and Greek; 572 have been added to their churches by confession, 57 of the churches have come to self-support, and 95 churches have been organized. In all these particulars a gratifying advance upon the record of the previous year is recognized.

A NOTABLE BOOK.—The Society has rendered a service to the churches of all names and to the country in furnishing through one of its Secretaries, Rev. Jos. B. Clark, D. D., a record of the work of Home Missions in his noteworthy book, "Leavening the Nation."

The catholic spirit, fine perspective and intelligent optimism in which the great facts in our nation-making are set, joined with its attractive style, make it of interest to every patriotic Christian and of first value to every student.

A MINNESOTA PRESIDENT.—At its last annual meeting, the Society honored itself and Minnesota by electing as President one who comes near being the best known citizen of the state, and who possesses in a rare degree the admiration and affection of the thousands in Minnesota who have come under his influence, President Cyrus Northrop, LL. D., of the University of Minnesota. The Minnesota Home Missionary Society for the first time in its history welcomes to its platform the President of the National Society, and does it with more pride because he is one of us.

IN MINNESOTA.—It has been a good year for Home Missions in Minnesota. It has not been a great year. There has been no advance with banners and music. The treasury has not overflowed with Minnesota offerings. There has not been the great revival interest that has glorified some years. There has been no "boom" in organization or in church-building.

But there has been a steady, purposeful prosecution of the legitimate work of the Society. No opportunity of real promise has been neglected, and no appeal for enlargement that would commend itself to a conservative business man has been refused.

THE NEW WORKERS.—We especially rejoice in the number and quality of the men who have been added this year to our force in the field. A year ago there were thirty-five vacancies in Home Missionary churches, and the Superintendent was as near the "blues" as he ever allows himself to come openly. At this writing, although the supply of men is decreasing, and in spite of the newspapers, the dearth in the ministry is assuming the proportions of a problem of growing seriousness, there are but four of the churches vacant and men are in sight for the two of these that are ready for pastors.

Best of all, the men who have come to us this year have the purpose of identifying themselves with Minnesota work. On Home Missionary ground, even more than elsewhere, influence is cumulative, and a single year's work amounts to very little unless it can be followed by a second and third, at least. To have foundations dug up and placed over again every year would weaken and discourage the strongest church; it is not strange that it disheartens the newer enterprises and prevents their growth.

Of the new workers we have welcomed, none was larger hearted and more zealous or better equipped for service than Rev. Alex. Chambers, whose beginnings at Granite Falls seemed to promise a new day of prosperity. His sudden death removed from us one who was winning a large place for himself in the esteem of his brethren, and to whom belonged by the confession of all who knew him the honorable designation, "a good minister of Jesus Christ."

STUDENT WORK. Students have been employed this year from the Seminaries at Chicago, Oberlin, New Haven, and Hartford. They were picked men, and their work has been of the most satisfactory sort. Two of them, Messrs. Rorabach and Scott of New Haven, have labored under the direction of Pastor Heermance of Mankato, with their expense borne by the Mankato church. The effort, which cannot be too much commended, was to reach through them a neglected countryside for which the church had

come to feel its responsibility, and it has proved successful even to the point of embarrassment. At Villard and Hudson, Mr. W. R. McClane of Chicago has secured the improvement of the property and accustomed the churches to the "yoke" so that they now present a very attractive and promising field. At Lyle and Rose Creek, where there was much discouragement, Mr. A. H. Currie of Oberlin has rallied our forces and created a new feeling of hopefulness, so that permanent work will again be a possibility. Mr. S. R. McCarthy of Hartford, who went into an exceedingly difficult situation at Fosston, did his work so tactfully and patiently that the outlook in this field at once of exceptional promise and peculiar problems, becomes once more hopeful. Mr. E. D. Parsons, a graduate of this year at Hamline University, spent the summer in the Swanville-Pillsbury field in adjusting the uncertain relations of the different stations in the field, with much energy and consecration, and so much of success that a permanent pastor is now on the field.

THE BROAD MEETINGS.—Early in the year a series of Home Missionary Rallies was planned with the assistance of Rev. L. P. Broad, lately Superintendent in Kansas, and Mrs. Harriet Caswell Broad. Almost at their opening Mrs. Broad met with a painful accident, which threw our plans into confusion, and but for her superb courage would have broken them up altogether. As it was, in a physical condition that made it seem no less than dangerous for her, and in the midst of a Minnesota winter, a modified circuit was made and the churches visited were greatly interested and inspired.

GENERAL MISSIONARIES.—The services of Rev. C. B. Fellows, the larger part of whose work is evangelistic, have been in constant demand through the year. They have been specially useful in quickening the spiritual life and consecration of the members of the churches visited. Mr. Fellows has also spent some time acceptably in the office in the absence of the Superintendent.

During the year Rev. Allen Clark has been commissioned as General Missionary in the northern part of the State. In issuing his commission the Society had regard to the earnest request of the Northern Pacific Conference and the Directors of the Minnesota Society. The things that it is hoped will be attained are the encouragement and more rapid and solid development of growing fields, by the constant presence among them of a representative of the Society, the lessening of pastoral changes because there is no one to attend to the circulation of the subscription paper, and an intimate acquaintance with the developing section of the State that may insure the wise location of future churches. The labor of the position is arduous and its demands on wisdom and faith in the work of encouraging the despondent, raising salaries, composing difficulties, securing buildings and marking out unerringly the coming centers are great. How well Brother Clark has borne these labors and what the outlook from his work is his own address will presently show.

NEW WORK IN THE NORTH.—Early in the spring it was determined, after careful investigation, to begin preliminary missionary work in the extreme northern portion of the State, along the valley of the Rainy River. Rev. T. W. Howard was commissioned for this work and has been performing it with

marked wisdom and acceptance. A recent visit to the region shows a valley at whose end the magnificent water-power and through whose whole extent the rich agricultural land now largely covered by hardwood timber are the assurance of a city and a score or more of prosperous farming communities. The future may be delayed for a long time by the influences that are now at work; as to that no man can prophesy; but it is sure and our only policy is to wait for it and be on hand to be used in it.

JOINT WORK.—In theory, it is possible to draw a line of division between the work of the Home Missionary Society and that of the Sunday School Society, but in practice, and especially in the newer portions of the State, it is often an imaginary line. At least much work has always presented itself that is common, and the missionaries of the Sunday School Society have been as much at home in encouraging a struggling church as are those of the Home Missionary Society in organizing and aiding Sunday Schools where needed. Under the direction of Dr. R. P. Herrick of the Sunday School Society there has been co-operation at Brookpark, where an inviting field was presented which it did not seem best to hold by strife in the face of official invasion from another denomination. The work at Hazel Park in St. Paul, which through discouragement had been allowed to lapse, has been resumed. A large circuit of fourteen preaching places in five counties, known as the Park Rapids Circuit, has been organized and placed under the care of Rev. W. J. Conrad as joint missionary of the two Societies. Some of the towns reached are those in which our work had been discontinued, and some were places long destitute of any Gospel ministry. In each of these the initiative was taken by the Superintendent of the Sunday School Society. As in previous years, the work in the northern part of the State owes much to the attention and interest of Rev. E. H. Stickney, the Assistant Superintendent of the Sunday School Society.

THE CONTRIBUTIONS.—Our contributions for the year ending March 31 fell a little short of $6,000. It is not a matter of pride or a testimony to our zeal for the Lord's interest in our State that while Michigan gives .54 a member to Home Missions, Kansas .55, and Wisconsin .62, Minnesota should bring up the rear with .31. I do not believe it is because of lack either in patriotism or religion; that it is because either of poverty or the stronger pressure of superior claims. The real causes will in time be done away and the work will assume the relative importance in our giving that belongs to it.

THE COMING YEAR.—During the year that has begun a fair number of the aided churches will attempt self-support as has been the case in the year past. But several long self-supporting will ask aid and must be cared for. The growth of our work in the North will require at least two new men, and new fields at the South three or four. The Society increased the appropriation for Minnesota this year over that of last year by $1,000. More can hardly be with reason expected unless between now and March 31, 1904, we make a very substantial increase upon our offerings of recent years. Encouraged by the fact that in the five months of the year that are already passed there has been a gain

of $700, can we not have wise, concerted action that shall accomplish this? Our efficient arm of service for its accomplishment in each Conference is the Conference Home Missionary Committee which could successfully charge itself with securing the amount apportioned to the Conference whose representative it is.

There is every ground for cheer and courage, in our opportunity, our real resources, the favorable consideration given habitually by the Society to Minnesota calls for aid, and the promise and presence of a faithful Lord. There is no possible ground for discouragement, save as we are unwise enough to furnish it ourselves.

Of necessity this review deals with externals, and scarcely touches the chief side of the work of Home Missions in Minnesota, its fellowships in burden bearing, consecrated service, and patience of hope.

I prize more than I can tell the confidence of my brethren and the privilege of being a helper to them in these things.

CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PUBLISHING SOCIETY.

THE IDEAL AND THE PRACTICAL.

The ideal and the practical never go hand in hand in the pathways of this mundane sphere. The ideal is what we would like to be, or to have, in our best moments; the practical is what we are and what we actually get. The ideal says, for example, that this boy's shoe you have just bought should last three months; the practical hands you back that shoe at the end of thirty days, a battered, stubbed-out, worthless article. The ideal says that this stick of wood will cleave apart into two geometrical sections at the first blow of the axe; the practical finds a stubborn knot under the bark, and only after repeated blows do the gnarled and broken fragments lie apart on the ground, while you wipe the perspiration from your heated brow. And, if the man who hired you to split that wood considered it was ideal wood and would cleave in ideal fashion, there will probably be some mental perspiration before a settlement is accomplished.

In all life there is this discrepancy between the practical and the ideal. If one may so express it, there seems lodged in the constitution of earthly affairs this difference between what might be done if all conditions were favorable and what actually can be done with conditions as they are.

And, we say it reverently, even God Himself seems to have placed Himself under these very limitations in working out the problem of the human race. The ideal of the Old Testament was a nation which should be indeed God's people, proud and eminent among the nations of the earth. The practical outcome, in so much as we see of the result, was a nation "scattered and

peeled" and now cast out. The ideal would call for the setting up of God's Kingdom this instant upon the earth, with all its glory and majesty. And yet how patiently God waits through the ages for that slow march of events which is surely bringing the time "when He whose right it is shall reign."

I bring to you in this annual gathering not the ideal achievements of a year of the millennium, but the practical service rendered to Christ and our honored communion by flesh-and-blood men working amid the uncertainties and difficulties of this present age. That these results may prove eventually a part of that sublime and perfect outcome which I am sure God is attaining through all these ages, is my prayer.

Let us glance a minute at the group of workers employed at some time during the Association year.

Charles Ebersol, two weeks of whose labor is included, was a very practical Chicago Junior who has left the monument of one summer's labor in our prosperous Starbuck Church. Both for the student and the field this summer work is of great advantage. When the fields pay so large a share of the expense it is possible for many of our pastors to have such helpers for outside summer work and do much toward caring for country districts and extending the denominational interests in new fields. In the case of Mr. Ebersol the field left only $40 to provide for three months' work. The Starbuck Church dedication was honored by the presence of President Northrop, who delivered the address. Rev. Allen Clark bore the Society's commission for half of his time two months of last year. It was a happy day for Christian interests in northern Minnesota when Rev. Allen Clark became interested in the work of that section. His exuberant spirit and indefatigable effort served the society in those two months to the building up of work organized earlier in the year. And while later the Home Missionary Society assumed all his support, the Sunday School work has had repeated cause to acknowledge his interest and cooperation in its particular work.

Rev. Eli C. Lyons, a veteran of the Civil War, to which he ran away as a boy, and a veteran who knew the inside of a rebel prison, has been employed by the two Societies for years past in general work. The financial conditions of the Sunday School Society compelled retrenchment and Mr. Lyons' work ceased with the close of February. His knowledge of Scripture, coupled with his practical knowledge of men and affairs, together with his cordial attitude toward strangers, makes him a man of such value for the work that we look forward to his reappointment when the treasury of the Society allows.

Rev. John F. Okerstein, the veteran of the group, does a work in central and northern Minnesota which is as unique as it is valuable. His ability to converse and preach in two languages fits him for work in the hundreds of communities in transition from Scandinavian to American standards and ideas. By school house meetings with little groups of neighbors and by visits in the homes with Bible reading and prayer, Missionary Okerstein is steadily opening the door of the new life to hundreds of individuals. Besides this work of evangelism, a work all too rare in our day, there were schools organized by Mr. Okerstein in thirteen communities the last year. Among these was the Minnehaha school in Minneapolis, where he is now employed in securing a chapel to cost $1,000, and the preliminary organization of a church.

Superintendent Edwin H. Stickney reaches over into that part of Minnesota adjacent to Fargo theoretically half of his time, and the churches within a hundred-mile radius know him better than any other representative of the denomination, Mr. Clark's work lying rather farther to the east. The pressure of the work in North Dakota, where some fifteen churches and a score of Sunday Schools were organized last year, has absorbed Superintendent Stickney more than formerly. Nevertheless we have had considerable service from his frequent solving of such practical problems as the reorganizing and manning of discouraged fields and that efficient rear-guard work which is of utmost value, in a comparatively new section where population shifts frequently and stable conditions have not yet been attained. Untiring and absolutely undismayed by difficulties, persistent for Christ's sake with individuals and churches, as unselfish as he is enterprising, we are greatly indebted to Superintendent Stickney for the beginning and growth of much work in northern Minnesota.

In the winter, when it appeared that we might consider practically the large circuit work in the north, so long needed, the Society called to this important service the Rev. William J. Conard, of Park Rapids. That the choice was an eminently wise one has been proved by the tact, patience, Christian wisdom and undaunted zeal of this pastor of six counties. Beginning "over opposite" Park Rapids, in Hubbard County, the chain of new Sunday Schools and preaching stations extended week by week until fourteen points were regularly visited. Our theory was that there was local talent and Christian loyalty which could be utilized in these communities for the three Sundays, if on the fourth an experienced minister could come to preach the Gospel and go over the accumulation of perplexities and help the local workers to their solution. At a missionary cost of only $38 each of these fourteen fields have been quickened into religious life and supplied with preaching for eight months. The adequate care of the future of this work is one of the urgent problems of this Association.

These six workers, together with the Superintendent, who has never felt at liberty to turn in less field work because he must help to plan and adjust the relations of this varied effort and form the connecting link between it and the churches—these seven have borne the Society's commission the last year. Do you wonder, from these brief sketches, that I not only come to hold each man in high esteem, but that year by year the ties of kindly friendship deepen between us as we plan in harmony for the results we believe to be of most value to the extension of the master's Kingdom in our beloved Minnesota?

Coming now to the new schools started during the year from September to September, we find a list of thirty-eight communities where such beginnings have been instituted with an aggregate of 1,246 members. Of these thirty-eight communities, four are in parts of the large cities; six are in railway towns and twenty-eight are in country neighborhoods.

With the growth of the large cities, averaging perhaps twelve thousand increase of population each year, there are constant openings for organizing Sunday School work which can grow within a reasonable time into churches. It has always been our policy to do this work so far as possible in conjunction with such organizations as were established for church extension. The St.

Paul Congregational Union, organized some fifteen years ago, has a long and honorable record of work to which we have always given time and assistance in the freest way. If preliminary visiting needed to be done, or assistance was needed for temporary or permanent quarters, we have held it a part of our work to do whatever on consultation seemed called for. In this way a great amount of time and effort has been given the St. Paul missions in fifteen years in organizing, helping to build and in visiting as often as possible each enterprise. The Union has four churches to its credit, and at the present time five missions or branch Sunday Schools, all of which need the fostering care of the denomination. It is pleasant to add that the Union held a meeting lately which undertook to provide for the more pressing needs, and it is our hope and expectation that coming months may see a considerable increase of interest among the St. Paul churches in this organization.

The Minneapolis churches organized the Minneapolis Congregational Union a little over a year ago. The need of some common body to act for all the twenty-one churches in planting new Congregational enterprises and giving that wise help which was needed, brought about this organization—a society which has long been needed in local work. As in St. Paul, so too here, the Sunday School Society has put its machinery and men at the service of this local organizer of Sunday Schools and churches. Linden Hills school and church, a splendid enterprise, is a first-fruits of this joint effort.

It has never seemed necessary or Christian to me to care greatly for the "mine or thine" in this co-operative work so long as this essential Christian service was rendered. It is desirable, however, that the churches take account of what is thus done in estimating the economies of the missionary Sunday School work in Minnesota.

To turn now to the six Sunday Schools organized in railroad towns, we may remark that these are generally the most hopeful beginnings if the organization of a church is the standard by which we are to judge. We desire always to make such beginnings in consultation with the Home Missionary Society as their ability (financially and otherwise) to follow up such organization decides largely as to their wisdom. Every one of these six would probably develop into churches. But one, Elliot, depends on the present oversight of a church which is without a pastor, and another, Wilton, could give but little financial help toward preaching for the immediate future. The people, however, would probably cut logs and take them to the mill for the lumber for a church building, and doubtless do much of the work for the structure if encouraged to organize.

Of the twenty-eight rural communities supplied with Sunday Schools by our help, but few are strategic, although one, Pleasant Hill, has erected a good church building. But I trust that the denomination has not reached the place where, when God gives us an opportunity to labor for souls, we are to say, "O Lord! is it strategic?" It is painful that any child should grow up in Christian Minnesota without some knowledge of the way of eternal life through Jesus Christ. These twenty-eight schools represent our part of the endeavor to carry into the country the evangelizing power of the Sunday School, and each group of neighbors thus brought together to pore over God's Word is a gathering which we are sure is precious in His sight.

These Sunday Schools are for the most part grouped in circuits about some established work and cared for by a near-by pastor. In several instances, however, a distant field has been helped to organize the Bible school, which is the only evangelizing agency in the community. In far-away St. Vincent this was the case.

The group of country fields watched over by the pastor of the central church has had a fine exemplification in the circuits organized about Mankato by the Rev. Edgar L. Heermance, and manned for the summer by Students Rorabach and Scott, and offering now an attractive field for a Congregational circuit rider. We think our churches are looking with more concern than formerly upon their responsibility for the country fields about their parishes. The future of more than one village church will be largely decided by our attitude toward opening up these springs in the hillsides. We would be glad of a resolution emphasizing the need of interest in out-station work by our Congregational churches. The Sunday School Society holds itself ready to help all such effort.

In the spring of this year Secretary Boynton, from Boston, asked a pastor in each conference to become the representative of the Society for that conference. Much help has already come to the Society through these brethren. The Society is represented, therefore, in Northern Pacific Conference by Rev. Herman P. Fisher, of Crookston; in Duluth Conference by Rev. Richard Brown of Brainerd First; in Central by Rev. W. H. Medlar, of Alexandria; in Minnesota Valley by Rev. Roland S. Cross; in Anoka by Rev. Henry Holmes; in Winona by Rev. Willis A. Warren; in Mankato by Rev. H. K. Painter, of Fairmont. Neighboring pastors may find it convenient to consult with these brethren as to local problems, and their recommendations will be honored by the Society.

We especially desire this year to acknowledge the generous help given to the Sunday School missionary work by the Woman's Home Missionary Union. That noble and successful work done by Pastor Conard could not have been prosecuted without their aid. We bespeak their co-operation the coming year. With the Home Missionary Society, too, there has been increased co-operation most helpful to the work of both Societies.

About finances we have only to say, and we say it jubilantly, if the Woman's Home Missionary Society, the churches, the Endeavor Societies, the Sunday Schools and individuals, continue to give to the support of this Sunday School missionary work in the fall and winter as in the spring and summer, we shall reach the goal toward which our faces have been so long set, $2,000 from Minnesota for this Congregational Sunday School work in the Society year.

ROBERT P. HERRICK.

THE CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERIAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA.

Secretary's Report for 1902-1903.

It has been a favorable year for this Society, in that the calls for help have been fewer, and the gifts of the Churches more numerous, than usual. A fortnight or so before the last meeting of the State Association a statement was sent to the pastors of the self-sustaining Congregational Churches of Minnesota. The letter from the trustees of the Society was intended "to provoke to love and to good works" the brethren to whom it was sent. In part it had the desired effect; for more Churches have taken a practical interest in this cause than in any year in the history of the Society. The honor-roll is as follows: Crookston, Dexter, Duluth—Pilgrim, Fairmont, Graceville, Hutchinson, Lyle, Mankato, Mantorville, Medford, Minneapolis.—First, Plymouth, Park Avenue, Vine, Pilgrim, Lyndale, Lowry Hill, Linden Hills. New Ulm, Northfield, Owatonna, Ortonville, Rochester, Rose Creek, Silver Lake, Sleepy Eye, Spring Valley, St. Paul—Pacific, St. Charles, Winona. This is a good showing,—thirty churches, twenty-one more than last year. But it is only one-third of the self-sustaining churches of the State. But one of the twelve churches of St. Paul, and but eight of the twenty-two churches of Minneapolis, made a contribution to this Society. The advance in the number of contributing churches is gratifying; but what shall be said of the fifty, and more, self-supporting churches which are not moved by appeal, or in any other way, to take an interest in this Society and its greatly-needed beneficence? If the pastors of our churches are interested, and determined to provide a Minnesota fund for the brethren who are laid aside from active service, or for the wives and children of those who are stricken down suddenly, or who, having filled up the measure of their days and their service, have been called to their reward, is it probable that the churches will hear nothing of it, or be indifferent to it? At this Association meeting we are to welcome the new Secretary of The Trustees of The National Council for Ministerial Relief. Sooner or later our churches must fall into line and contribute to our National Fund: for Congregationalists ought not to be willing to follow afar off the Methodist and Presbyterian churches, which are devising liberal things for the enfeebled and needy among the brethren. But if we are to do anything worthy for the National Fund, and still keep up our own State work, all our churches must take a hand. If every self-supporting Congregational church in the State will make a yearly offering for ministerial relief, to be divided in such proportion as may be deemed best between the National Fund and the State Fund, the churches of Minnesota will seem to be doing their duty.

S. V. S. FISHER, Secretary.

UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AND PARSONAGE,
SLEEPY EYE.

THE CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY

In account with S. V. S. FISHER, *Treasurer.*

Receipts:

Balance September 19th, 1902	$67.31
Contributions from thirty churches	298.55
From a brother pastor	2.00
Contribution of the last State Association	28.88
Contribution of Northern Pacific Conference	8.26
Contribution of Central Conference	3.69
Contribution of Anoka Conference	9.13
Rents of property by D. P. Jones & Co	101.94
Interest on deposits	5.38
Total	$525.14

Disbursements:

Aid given to two families	$160.00
Postage	1.75
Total	$161.75
Balance in bank October 1, 1903	$363.39

The foregoing account has been examined by me and found correct.

October 5th, 1903.

HARLAN P. ROBERTS, Auditor.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

MINNESOTA WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

President—MISS C. W. NICHOLS, 230 East 9th St., St. Paul.

Vice Presidents—MRS. L. E. JEPSON, Minneapolis; MRS. G. R. MERRILL, Minneapolis; MRS. L. H. HALLOCK, Minneapolis; MRS. W. H. LAIRD, Winona; MRS. L. B. VAN HOESEN, Alexandria.

Corresponding Secretary—MRS. J. E. TRUESDELL, 1910 Dupont Av. South, Minneapolis.

Recording Secretary—MRS. W. M. BRISTOLL, 2828 Chicago Av., Minneapolis.

Treasurer—MRS. A. W. NORTON, Northfield.

Auditor—MRS. HORACE GOODHUE, Northfield.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES.

Young People's Work—MRS. W. C. A. WALLAR, Little Falls.

Children's Work—MRS. W. W. MORSE, 119 Bedford Av. S. E., Minneapolis.

Programs and Bureau of Exchange—MRS. J. V. V. LEWIS, Hutchinson.

The thirty-first annual meeting of the Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Union was held in the Chapel of Park Church, St. Paul, Minnesota, at 10 a. m., Tuesday, October 6th, 1903. The President, Miss C. W. Nichols, conducted the devotional exercises.

The reports of the officers were read in the following order:

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. R. Shepard, Minneapolis.

Secretary Young People's Work, Mrs. W. C. A. Wallar, Little Falls.

Secretary Programs and Bureau of Exchange, Mrs. J. V. V. Lewis, Hutchinson.

Treasurer, Mrs. A. W. Norton, Northfield.

Auditor Mrs. Horace Goodhue, Northfield.

The Treasurer reported having received $112 after the books closed.

Voted, that the moneys received after the closing of the books be accounted for in a separate report.

The Sunday School Missionary, Rev. John F. Okerstein, told of what he had done during the year.

Miss Mary C. Collins, missionary among the Indians at Little Eagle, South Dakota, interested us in the Indian Women's Missionary Society of three hundred members which this year had contributed $314 to send a missionary to the Crow Indians.

The Committee on Nominations reported and the report was accepted and the Secretary instructed to cast the ballot for the officers therein named.

Upon motion it was voted that the Treasurer should purchase one copy of "Leavening of the Nation" if the Secretary of Programs, Mrs. Lewis, deemed it advisable.

The second session was called to order at 10:30 a. m., Wednesday.

After singing, Rev. William J. Conrad gave an account of his work in organizing Sunday Schools in northern Minnesota.

Resolved, That the women of the M. W. H. M. U. deeply regret the resignation of Mrs. Shepard as Corresponding Secretary of the Union, and while reluctantly accepting the same, record their grateful appreciation of her long and faithful service.

Miss Collins then spoke of her work, of the difficulties in gaining the confidence of the Indians; of the five stations at the Grand River Mission, of which she was superintendent; of touring through this region, carrying her tent and all necessary provisions. She closed with a short devotional period.

The hour given the Union on the program of the Association was filled with addresses by Mrs. J. W. Vallentyne, Marshall, on "Home Missionary Trophies," and by Miss M. C. Collins, on "Christianizing the Indian."

ROSA O. BRISTOLL, Recording Secretary.

SUMMARY OF TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR YEAR ENDING SEPT. 22, 1903.

Amount paid:

C. H. M. S.	$1,767.31
A. M. A.	993.00
C. B. S.	439.85
C. Ed. Soc.	337.83
S. S. and Pub. Soc.	522.05
Miss McKensie	15.00
Rev. Allen Clark	50.00
Rev. Allen Clark	50.00
Rev. Geo. T. Morton	25.00
Rev. J. H. Nason	12.59
Rev. A. B. Case	75.00
Expenses	101.65
Balance	65.82
Total	$4,455.10

Balance, Sept. 13, 1902	$ 141.68
Amounts received from all sources:	
Anoka Conference	$1,974.02
Central Conference	128.45
Duluth Conference	129.30
Mankato Conference	197.60
Minnesota Valley Conference	123.40
Northern Pacific Conference	140.16
Owatonna Conference	776.44
Western Conference	99.67
Winona Conference	592.65
For Spanish work in Southern California	75.00
For mission work in Superior, Wis.	12.59
Special gifts	6.14
Total	$4,455.10

THE MINNESOTA BRANCH

OF THE

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE INTERIOR.

President—Miss Margaret J. Evans, Northfield.
Vice-President—Mrs. C. F. Sawyer, 3116 Humboldt Ave., S. Minneapolis.
Corresponding Sec'y—Mrs. S. W. Dickinson, 457 Ashland Ave, St. Paul.
Assistant Cor. Sec'y—Mrs. Harlow Gale, 2115 Girard Ave, S. Minneapolis.
Recording Sec'y—Mrs. H. Gordon Webster, Hotel Landour, Minneapolis.
Assistant Rec. Sec'y—Mrs. A. B. Upham, 655 Central Park, St. Paul.
Treasurer—Mrs. H. A. Scriver, 603 East Side Boulevard, Minneapolis.
Auditor—Mrs. William W. Morse, 119 Bedford Ave S. E., Minneapolis.

A session of this Society was held on Thursday afternoon, October 8th, before the General Association. Miss Margaret J. Evans presiding. After the singing of "Coronation" President read scripture selection, and led in prayer, following this, Secretary gave a resume of the years work. Treasurer Mrs. H. A. Scriver presented her report, an interesting item, was the fact that an increase of $409.75 had been made in our gifts this year.

Mrs. W. C. A. Waller, the newly appointed Secretary of Christian Endeavor Work, made an earnest plea for the support of Miss Moulton, our Missionary at Wai, India.

Secretary of Children's Work Mrs. W. W. Morse, spoke of the necessity of organizing more children's bands, to arouse interest in missions, and prepare them to take up the work later on, that the older Societies have been prosecuting. Mrs. L. E. Jepson sang the selection, Will There Be Any Stars In My Crown?

Miss Evans then introduced Mrs. S. M. Passmore of Minneapolis, who five years ago, while touring in China and Japan, visited out mission stations, having no special interest though in this line of work. Again this year visiting in India with Miss Abbott and Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Hume at Bombay. Her account of the work being done was most interesting and graphic, and after visiting the Durbar at Delhi, and viewing the splendor of that occasion, was convinced that nothing could compare with the work that our missionaries are doing, but much more could be accomplished, if enlarged facilities were provided, especially is this true of Miss Abbott and her home, which is wholly inadequate. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. GORDON WEBSTER,
Recording Secretary.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

YEAR		PLACE.	MODERATOR.	PREACHER AND TEXT.
1	56	St. Anthony	Rev. Sherman Hall	Rev. W. R. Stevens; John 1: 4.
2	57	Prescott, Wis.	Rev. L. Armsby	Rev. C. B. Sheldon; II Cor. 4: 7.
3	58	Faribault	Rev. D. Andrews	Rev. Richard Hall; Rev. 11: 15.
4	59	Winona	Rev. C. Secombe	Rev. L. Armsby; Rev. 3: 8.
5	60	St. Paul	Rev. D. Burt	Rev. D. Andrew; Isa. 55: 10, 11.
6	61	Anoka	Rev. O. Thomas	Rev. A. S. Fisk; Phil. 4: 6.
7	62	Northfield	Rev. Chas. Shedd	Rev. Chas. Shedd; II Thes. 2: 18.
8	63	Lake City	Rev. W. R. Stevens	Rev. J. W. Millen; John 17; 20, 21.
9	64	Rochester	Bro. C. M. Goodsell	Rev. C. Seccombe; Prov. 14: 10.
10	65	Minneapolis	Bro. R. G. Lincoln	Rev. D. Burt; Eph. 2: 1.
11	66	Faribault	Bro. W. G. Copp	Rev. A. B. Smith; Matt. 33: 8.
12	67	St. Cloud	Pres. J. W. Strong, D. D.	Rev. E. J. Hart; Luke 19: 11, 27.
13	68	Austin	Bro. S. W. Furber	Rev. A. Fuller; Job. 40: 3: 42: 5, 27.
14	69	Owatonna	Bro. J. L. Noyes	Rev. E. Gale; John 4; 22, 12.
15	70	Northfield	Bro. R. J. Baldwin	Rev. W. B. Dana; Mark 4: 28.
16	71	St. Anthony	Pres. J. W. Strong, D. D.	Rev. C. C. Salter, D. D.; Isa. 40: 8.
17	72	Lake City	Rev. S. H. Barteau	Rev. E. M. Williams, D. D.; Rom. 1: 16.
18	73	St. Paul	Bro. H. W. Page	Rev. H. M. Tenney, D. D.; Phil. 2: 15.
19	74	Winona	Rev. H. A. Stimson, D. D.	Rev. C. M. Terry; I Cor. 6: 9, 17.
20	75	Minneapolis	Rev. L. H. Cobb, D. D.	Rev. J. W. Ray; Rom. 1: 16.
21	76	Austin	Rev. E. M. Williams, D. D.	Rev. George A. Wood; Eph. 3: 8.
22	77	Faribault	Rev. David Burt	Rev. C. W. Merrill; II Tim. 4: 2.
23	78	Mankato	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D. D.	Rev. J. H. Morley; Matt. 16: 19, 16.
24	79	Minneapolis	Hon. A. H. Young	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D. D.; Heb. 11: 1.
25	80	Northfield	Rev. L. W. Cheney	Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, D. D.; Matt. 23: 8, 10.
26	81	Rochester	Rev. Geo. A. Hood	Rev. C. E. Wright, D. D.; Matt. 11: 4.
27	82	St. Paul	Bro. H. W. Page	Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D.; Matt. 16: 14, 15.
28	83	Lake City	Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, D. D.	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D.; Isa. 50: 4.
29	84	St. Cloud	Rev. M. W. Montgomery	Prof. A. H. Pearson; Phil. 1: 21.
30	85	Winona	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D.	Rev. H. C. Hovey, D. D., Jer. 32: 8.
31	86	Minneapolis	Rev. C. W. Merrill	Rev. John H. Crum, D. D.; I Tim. 1: 19.
32	87	Fergus Falls	Prof. Geo. Huntington	Rev. M. W. Montgomery; Isa. 21:6; I Cor. 2:2.
33	88	Owatonna	Rev. C. E. Wright, D. D.	Rev. J. W. Hargrave; II Tim. 2: 15.
34	89	St. Paul	Rev. S. V. S. Fisher	Rev. I. L. Cory; Luke 12:33.
35	90	Northfield	Rev. G. R. Merrill, D. D.	Rev. E. M. Noyes; Matt. 5: 13.
36	91	Duluth	Rev. H. W. Gleason	Rev. A. H. Heath, D. D.; Rom. 1: 15.
37	92	Minneapolis	Rev. J. F. Taintor	Rev. J. A. Chamberlain; John 14: 12.
38	93	St. Paul	Rev. Smith Baker, D. D.	Rev. L. L. West, D. D.; Mark 13: 37.
39	94	Austin	Bro. C. W. Hackett	Rev. J. E. McConnel; I Chron. 12: 32.
40	95	Alexandria	Hon. D. C. Bell	Rev. S. G. Smith, D. D.; Matt. 6: 11.
41	96	Faribault	Rev. G. E. Soper	Rev. T. Merrill Edmands; Phil. 1: 9.
42	97	Montevideo	Dean Horace Goodhue	Rev. John A. Stemen; Luke 24: 36.
43	98	Owatonna	Rev. R. S. Cross	Rev. J. W. Todd; Rom. 8: 19.
44	99	Rochester	Hon. Lyndon A. Smith	Rev. S. J. Rogers; I Cor. 10: 21.
45	00	Northfield	Rev. L. L. West, D. D.	Rev. J. F. Taintor; Rev. 19: 10.
46	01	Minneapolis	Hon. D. P. Jones	Rev. Wm. H. Medlar; Isa. 49:9, and Num. 23:23
47	02	Fergus Falls	Rev. Alexander Milne	Rev. Herman P. Fisher, Acts 13: 2.
48	03	St. Paul	Rev. S. G. Smith, D. D.	Rev. Henry Holmes; Luke 24:40.

RECORDING SECRETARIES.

Rev. C. B. Sheldon	1859—1861.	Rev. H. Bumsted	1873—1874
Rev. A. K. Packard	1862—1864.	Rev. C. A. Hampton	1875—1876
Rev. J. F. Dudley	1866—1867.	Bro. Wm. Cheney	1877—1878
Rev. L. S. Griggs	1868—1869.	Rev. Geo. A. Hood	1879—1881
Rev. H. A. Stimson, D. D.	1870—1872.	Rev. W. A. James	1882—1883

CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

Rev. C. Seccombe	1856—1858.	Rev. C. C. Salter, D. D.	1871—1872
Rev. D. Burt	1859—1867.	Rev. N. C. Chapin	1873—1877
Rev. A. Fuller	1867—1870.	Rev. L. W. Chaney	1878—1883

STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

Rev. C. Seccombe	1858—1870.	Bro. W. Cheney	1876—1878
Rev. R. Hall	1871—1875.	Rev. Geo. A. Hood	1879—1881
Rev. J. B. Fairbank	1882—1889.		

Secretary: Rev. S. W. Dickinson ..... 1889—1901.
" Rev. Samuel J. Rogers ..... 1901.

THE CONFERENCES.

I. ANOKA CONFERENCE

ANNUAL MEETING: St. Anthony Park, May 17, 1904.

REGISTRAR: Rev. Samuel J. Rogers, Minneapolis.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. F. A. Sumner, Rev. J. H. B. Smith, E. D. Parker.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Anoka	119	Andrew W. Bond	E. E. Curial.
Brownton	87		J. P. West.
Cottage Grove	61	J. L. Keene	J. P. Furber.
Elk River	116	William Pease	W. G. Babcock.
Excelsior	154	G. A. Traut	Miss Ella M. Stratton.
Fair Oaks, *Tuthill*	10	Andrew W. Bond	Mrs. F. A. Blanchard.
Gaylord	22	Henry B. Beard	Albert Straebel.
Glencoe	150	Jacob K. Shultz	Mrs. Martha Allen.
Groveland, *Excelsior*	13	D. E. Wilson	Mrs. Ida C. Waters.
Hutchinson	126	E. L. Brooks	Elliot B. Scott.
Lakeland		J. L. Keene	Anna Rockstrole.
Minneapolis, First	610	Ernest W. Shurtleff	Dr. H. T. Eddy.
" Plymouth	893	Leavitt H. Hallock	Charles M. Shearer.
" Park Avenue	534	George S. Rollins	William M. Bristol.
" Pilgrim	470	Frederick A. Sumner	E. C. Scarborough.
" Vine	173	John S. Rood	John R. Williams.
" Como Avenue	137	Jay M. Hulbert	George M. Furber.
" Union, *St. L. Park*	54	George F. Swinnerton	Mrs. S. F. Hamilton.
" Open Door	138	Wm. A. Gerrie	Mrs. J. A. Donaldson.
" Lyndale	450	Charles E. Burton	F. L. Frary.
" Fremont Avenue	169	Charles A. Hilton	E. O. Ballard.
" Fifth Avenue	227	James E. Smith	E. P. Leland.
" Mizpah, *Hopkins*	36	L. V. Schermerhorn	Mrs. Esther Gould.
" Bethany	95	Maurice B. Morris	Mrs. B. A. Eaton.
" Robbinsdale	81	Donald G. Colp	Chas. W. Hays.
" Lowry Hill	238	Henry Holmes	Daniel P. King.
" First Scandinavian	32	S. M. Andrewson	L. Hovik.
" Oak Park	116	Walter A. Snow	A. Henry Cheese.
" Forest Heights	188	Adam Murrman	Homer A. Ralph.
" Temple, Swedish	91		A. W. Fahlin.
" Thirty-Eighth St.	71	Wm. A. Wilkinson	Eli Butterworth.
" Edina Mills	28	Geo. F. Swinnerton	Mrs. Elizabeth Dochea.
" Linden Hills	55	Chas. H. Maxwell	Dr. E. F. Hertz.
New Brighton	11	Wm. A. Gerrie	Mrs. Frank S. Gregson.
North Branch	35	Jas. W. Danford	J. G. Ryder.
Princeton	58	James P. Steenson	John F. Peterson.
St. Paul, Plymouth	215	George M. Morrison	Warren Upham.
" Pacific	239	William J. Gray	John M. Boxell.
" Atlantic	98	Matt Evans	Geo. D. Hammond.
" Park	347	Alexander McGregor	Samuel Cummings.
" St. Anthony	212	Edwin S. Pressey	Henry L. Hunter.
" Bethany	102	John H. B. Smith	E. J. Souther.
" Olivet, *Merriam Park*	134	John H. Sammis	Herbert E. Miller.
" South Park	81	John H. B. Smith	Stephen D. Curry.
" Peoples	490	Samuel G. Smith	Ira Oehler.
" University Avenue	40		C. C. Marsh.
" Hazel Park, (Peoples)	18	L. A. Saistrom	R. F. Hiler.
" Peoples (German)	59	John H. Strohecker	G. A. Rinker.
Sandstone, (Swedish)	31	Emil A. Anderson	August Valden.
Silver Lake (Bohemian)	103	Vaclav Prucha	Charles Pokorny.
Spencer Brook	50	Alfred P. Engstrom	Andrew Dundee.
Stewart	26		Frank Sugden.
Stillwater	74	Geo Ernest Smith	Miss Mary Jenks.
Sunrise	8	Jas. W. Danford	Mrs. C. Spivak.
Wayzata	43	D. E. Wilson	Mrs. J. Lawrence.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS. Eben M. Betts, George S. Biscoe, Carl B. Bjuge, Henry L. Chase, C. H. Crawford, Samuel W. Dickinson, Charles B. Fellows, Samuel V. S. Fisher, Americus Fuller, Herbert W. Gleason, Richard Hall, Robert P. Herrick, Daniel H. Magnus, J. Bruce Mather, Jairus L. Nott, James Oakey, William Oehler, John F. Okerstein, Henry W. Parsons, Philip Reitinger, Alvah D. Roe, Samuel J. Rogers, Esther Smith, Moody A. Stevens, Arthur H. Tebbetts, Charles J. Treha, Tell A. Turner, Henry K. Wingate, W. A. Vrooman.

II. CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: June 21, 1904.

REGISTRAR: George L. Treat, Alexandria.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. C. J. Swain, Sauk Rapids; Rev. W. H. Medlar, Alexandria; Rev. J. Buswell, Glenwood.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Alexandria	241	William H. Medlar	A. S. Mason.
Big Lake (Union)	87	William M. Jenkins	Albert J. Johnson.
Burtrum	18	John Peters	Miss Ada R. Burch.
Cable, *Clear Lake*	27	Carl J. Swain	Mrs. M. J. Ayers.
Clarissa	7	J. L. Hanna)	Mrs. John Nutting.
Clear Water	57	Arthur Davies	Samuel Whiting.
Foreston	10	Nels J. Bolin	
Glenwood	84	Jesse Buswell	G. W. Thacker.
Grey Eagle	22	John Peters	Mrs. A. R. Fuller.
Hasty	33		Mrs. Sarah Sheldon
Little Falls	203	Wm C. A. Waller,	Ernest D. Boyce.
Monticello	94		Albert M. Barker.
Orrock (Union)	6		Miss Grace Craig.
Paynesville	102		L. M. Bennett.
Pillsbury	20		Mrs. Meda E. Perley.
Round Prairie	68	J. Frank Locke	Mrs. Ella Pentz.
St. Cloud			
St. Cloud and Sauk Rapids (Swedish)	48		John Erickson.
Sauk Centre	160		James A. Norris.
Sauk Rapids	25	Carl J. Swain	James Burns.
Starbuck	21		Mrs. C. J. Hanstrum.
Swanville	18	John Peters	Mrs. Belle Flood.
Union Lake (Hudson)	15	Eli C. Lyons	Fred Mead.
Upsala (Swedish)	111	Anton Olson	Gust Nelson.
Villard	40	Eli C. Lyons	S. F. McKenzie.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.—David Donovan, George F. Morton, Edward N. Ruddock, A. Alex. Thom, Robert G. Moore, Geo. Ernest Smith.

III. DULUTH CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Biwabik, May 24, 1004.

REGISTRAR: Rev. Alexander Milne, Duluth.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. Alexander Milne, Rev. Richard Brown, Rev. George Michael.

CHURCHES.	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Aitkin	41	William E. Griffith	Mrs. A. G. Belsheim.
Biwabik	18	Henry H. Stutson	Charles W. Bray.
Brainard, First	123	Richard Brown	H. W. Isham.
" Peoples	55	W. G. Marts	Mrs. R. K. Clark
Duluth, Pilgrim	393	Alexander Milne	John McLean Oldham.
" West Plymouth	56	Harry W. Johnson	Carl S. Weaver.
Walker	18	George Michael	Rev. Geo. Michael.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS—Allen Clark, Jeremiah Kimball, E. A. Mirick, Charles E. Wilcox.

IV. MANKATO CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Fairmont, May 11, 1904.

REGISTRAR: Rev. Charles H. Curtis.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. Edgar L. Heermance, Mankato; Rev. Chas. H. Curtis, Worthington; J. E. Robinson, Fairmont.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Belgrade, *Mankato*	69		Mrs. Cora Wright.
Center Chain	21		J. V. Livingston.
Ceylon	32		Miss Emma Andrews.
Edgerton	64	J. L. Martin	Mrs. L. A. Gulick.
Ellsworth	32	Charles F. Downs	Mark M. Chatfield.
Fairmont	161	Hobart K. Painter	A. G. Crooker.
Freeborn	65	Wilbur Fisk	Mrs. Abby Olson.
Freedom, *Cream*	34	Wilbur Fisk	Samuel O. Garlick.
Granada	42	S. Willoughby	Mrs. S. Cooper.
Kasota (Swedish)	40	Aaron Anderson, (Sw. Ills.	A. Dahlgren.
Mankato, First	150	Edgar L. Heermance	Mrs. Thomas Hughes.
" Second	64	Aaron Anderson (Sw. Ills.)	Claus Swanson.
Mapleton	55	Geo. E. Brown	Miss Sue L. Sprague.
New Richland	57		J. Frank Hunt.
Cambria	55	Thomas Griffith	Henry J. Hughes.
Sherburn	75	W. B. Hubbard	Geo. A. Sutherland.
Triumph	4	W. B. Hubbard	Miss Ethel Gilves.
Waseca	128	John Lloyd	F. W. Roth.
Worthington	153	Charles H. Curtis	Dr. Geo. O. Moore.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS—Frank D. Bentley, Harry W. Johnson, Charles W. Merrill, Andrew P. Nelson.

V. MINNESOTA VALLEY CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Appleton, May 24, 1904.

REGISTRAR: D. T. Wheaton, Morris.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. F. H. Richardson, Morris; Rev. F. L. V. Meske, Ortonville; and Rev. Wm. J. Brown, Montevideo.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Appleton	56	Alonzo G. Washington	Mrs. Z. L. Tadsen.
Belview	38	Geo. K. Scarlet	Miss Cora Adsit.
Benson	75	S. Heath	Mrs. W. A. Foland.
Campbell	40	William Boyd Lic.	W. J. Champion.
Chokio		P. G. Viehe	
Correll	9	Alonzo G. Washington	Mrs. K. P. Uye.
Dawson	84	Rowland S. Cross	Miss Lottie C. Grow.
Graceville	63	A. D. Smith	Mrs. Anna S. Bailey.
Granite Falls	40	Henry C. Todd	Miss Carrie Barness.
Hancock	74	John T. Killen	Mrs. Frank Angier.
Lake Emily, *Hancock*		John T. Killen	Mrs. J. Councilman.
Madison	64	Wm. Blackwell	Dr. J. W. Smith.
Marietta	13	R. A. Cunningham	Mrs. A. C. Miller.
Montevideo	98	Wm. J. Brown	Frank H. Evans.
Morris	90	F. H. Richardson	D. T. Wheaton.
Nassau	16	R. A. Cunningham	H. S. Bragg.
Ortonville	105	Fred L. V. Meske	Henry Walter.
Seaforth	14	Geo. R. Searles	Mrs. C. V. Carver.
Tintah	21	Frank H. Smith	Mrs. H. S. Nucholls.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS—Clement M. G. Harwood, Eli C. Lyons, J. Lewis Jones, Otis A. Starr,

VI. NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Detroit, June 21, 1904.

REGISTRAR: C. R. Andrews, Ada.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. F. H. Oehler, Wadena; A. A. Miller, Crookston; George E. Perley, Moorhead.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Ada	68	H. William Stiles	Fred L. Hampson.
Akeley	23	L. D. Arnold	Lewis D. Arnold.
Audubon	23	H. J. Taylor	Mrs. M. E. Cravath.
Bertha	32	(J. L. Hanna)	L. P. Leech.
Bagley	15	Charles F. Blomquist	P. R. Day.
Barnesville	86	Charles H. Moxie	Albert Neukom.
Cass Lake	16	A. C. Woodcock	H. D. Hovey.
Crookston	90	Herman P. Fisher	Wm. L. Vannet.
Detroit	88	Marion Darling	Miss Bessie L. Furber.
Dorsett	5		Mrs. Henry Parks.
Felton	28	(H. Juell, Student)	William Scott.
Fergus Falls	125	John W. Todd	Peter Winsor.
Fertile	34	O. P. Champlin	G. J. Demares.
Fosston	22		D. H. Fisk.
Glyndon	33	Theodore W. Gulick	Miss Susie A. Kittredge.
Hawley, (Union)	86		Adnah Colburn.
Kragness	17	T. Henry Lewis	Gustave Gunderson.

NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE—*Continued.*

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Lake Park	27		Mrs. F. B. Higley.
Lake View, *Detroit*			
Maple Bay	3	O. P. Champlin	Mrs. L. A. Hunter.
McIntosh	13	J. J. Hales	S. H. Drew.
Mentor	7	J. J. Hales	Miss M. M. Snedeker.
Moorhead	95	J. P. Kerr	Fred Stalley.
New York Mills		W. G. Conard	
Park Rapids	55	J. W. Dickson	Miss Cora A. Wetter.
Pelican Rapids	69	H. O. Hammond	Mrs. O. A. Burdick.
Perham	20		Mrs. U. S. G. Henry.
Shevlin	18	Charles F. Bloomquist	
Staples	71	Delbert W. Cram	Arthur B. Church.
Verndale		(E. E. Lindsley)	Miss Clara McMillan.
Wadena	117	Frederick H. Oehler	John Liddell.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS—Richard H. Battey, Samuel E. Fish, Lewis C. Frost, R. W. Harlow, John L. Martin, David W. Morgan, Oscar M. Smith, H. J. Taylor.

VII. OWATONNA CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Rochester, May 9, 1904.

REGISTRAR: Rev. F. O. Krause, Medford.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. J. Sidney Gould, Owatonna; Rev. J. H. Albert, Faribault; Rev. Paul Winter, Dexter.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Austin	318	Arthur S. Dascomb	Charles J. Sargent.
Cannon City, *Dean*			
Cannon Falls	105		Mrs. Mary C. Clifford.
Cannon Falls Swedish	24	(Nels J. Lundquist, Swedish Mission)	Gustaf Wolander.
Claremont	30	Horace S. Wiley	Mrs. J. A. Dodge.
Dexter	25	Paul Winter.	Mrs. Jennie Shurman.
Dodge Centre	75	Horace S. Wiley	Mrs. Helen L. Larson.
Faribault	410	John H. Albert	J. J. Dow.
Grand Meadow	37	James Oakey	John De Young.
Hamilton			
Lyle	21	W. Altwater, Lic	L. A. Sherman.
Mantorville	166	Hubert O. Judd	Mrs. James McLaughlin.
Medford	80	F. O. Krause	D. McKinley.
Morristown	57	(H. L. Forbes)	Mrs. E. L. Peterson.
Northfield	566	James E. McConnell	George H. Alden.
Owatonna	280	J. Sidney Gould.	Rev. F. C. Emerson.
Rose Creek	23	W. Altwater, Lic	Adaline Nelson.
Spring Valley	225	Everett Lesher	W. L. Kellogg.
Taopi	13	(J. Russell Jones, Pres.)	Wilbur F. Davis.
Waterville	37	(H. L. Forbes)	Mrs. E. Berrigan.
Welch			A. Black.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS—George Huntington, John C. Huntington, E. W. Lyman, Arthur H. Pearson, James W. Strong, William F. Trussell, S. B. Wilson, Cassius E. Wright, Frank R. Snowden.

VIII. WESTERN CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Sleepy Eye, June 14, 1904.

REGISTRAR: Rev. J. W. Vallentyne, Marshall.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. M. J. P. Thing, Lake Benton; Rev. J. W. Vallentyne.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Cornish	24		George Dunwell.
Custer	11	E. H. Seward, Lic.	R. Price.
Garvin	33	E. H. Seward, Lic.	W. W. Jones
Lake Benton	35	M. J. P. Thing	Rev. M. P. J. Thing.
Lake Stay, *Arco*	29	M. J. P. Thing	Mrs. J. W. Rhodes.
Lamberton	50	C. A. Ruddock	A. A. McLellan.
Marshall	149	J. W. Vallentyne	Julius W. Humphrey.
New Ulm	60		Hermann Held.
Selma, *Comfrey*	38	J. V. Plunkett.	F. D. Dewey.
Sleepy Eye	83		Isaac Gallagher.
Springfield	31	J. V. Plunkett.	Mrs. M. P. Rowe.
Tyler	22	John H. Hjetland	A. J. Cox.
Walnut Grove.	30		Mrs. Winifred Garlock.
Winthrop	48		Anna H. Campiell.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.—Wm. H. Klose, George P. Merrill, Enoch E. Rogers, Albert Warren.

IX. WINONA CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Rochester, May 9, 1904.

REGISTRAR: Rev. W. A. Warren, Lake City.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. R. G. Jones, Stewartville; W. H. Laird, Winona; Rev. W. B. Pinkerton, Wabasha.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Lake City	222	Willis A. Warren	Mrs. C. E. Dutcher.
Lake City Swedish	48	John R. Haggblom	Oscar Asklund.
Mazeppa	34		Mrs. Sarah Legar.
Plainview	136	Allison D. Adams	Mrs. J. W. Burnham.
Rochester	165		W. H. Knapp.
St. Charles	92	S. T. Beattie.	A. F. Knebler.
Stewartville	134	R. Griffith Jones	F. C. Thomas.
Wabasha	1?2	Wm. B. Pinkerton	Dr. C. H. Robinson.
Winona, First	305	(Percy E. Thomas)	Geo. J. Hillyer.
Winona, Second	56	E. Winthrop Jenney	Lewis Lawrence.
Winona, Scandinavian	37	Bernhard B. Sather	Azel Bard.
Wiscoy, *Witoka*	16		Miss Rilla Thomas.
Zumbro Falls	94		Mrs. A. G. Scholer.
Zumbrota	118	Chas. H. McIntosh	Miss I. C. Stearns.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.—Hans .F Josephson, Henry H. Stutson.

UNASSOCIATED CHURCHES.

CHURCHES	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Bachus		
Carlos		Mrs. H. Shackel.
Climax		
Culdrum, *Flensburg*	Samuel Peterson	
Elmdale		John Soltis.
Franconia		
Itasca	Geo. F. Morton	Miss Myrtle Cummings.
Sacred Heart	H. C. Todd	
Solway	C. F Bloomquist	
Swanville		
Turtle River	Benjamin Iorns	
Twin Valley		
Ulen	H. Juell (student)	
Westbrook		

ORDINATIONS.

H. O. Hammond, Pelican Rapids, Nov. 18, 1902.
Thomas Griffith, Cambria, June 2, 1903.
Charles H. Maxwell, Minneapolis—Linden Hills, June 5, 1903.
Albert C. Woodcock, Cass Lake, July 30, 1903.
K. E. Forsell, Mankato, Oct. 25, 1903.
H. Martin Olson, Mankato, Oct. 25, 1903.

MINISTERIAL RECORD.

Adams, Allison D.....Plainview.
Albert, John H.....Faribault.
Altwater, W. Lic.....Lyle.
Anderson, Aaron (Swedish Mission).....Mankato.
Anderson, Emil A.....Sandstone.
Anderson, Frank H.....Durand, Wis.
Andrewson, S. M.....Minneapolis.
Arnold, L. D.....Akeley.

Barnes, Albert E.....Minneapolis.
Battey, Richard H.....Minneapolis.
Beard, Henry B.....Minneapolis.
Beattie, S. T.....St. Charles.
Bentley, Frank D.....Washington.
Betts, Eben M.....New York.
Bird, Martin B.....St. Louis, Mo.
Biscoe, George S.....St. Paul Park.
Bjuge, Carl B.....Chicago, Ill.
Blackwell, William .....Madison.
Bloomquist, Charles F.....Bagley.
Bolin, Nels J.....Foreston.
Bond, Andrew W.....Anoka.

Boyd, William, Lic.....Campbell.
Brooks, Edward L.....Hutchinson.
Brown, Geo. E.....Mapleton.
Brown, Richard.....Brainerd.
Brown, William J.....Montevideo.
Burton, Charles E.....Minneapolis.
Buswell, Jesse.....Glenwood.

Carter, Elijah.....Edgerton.
Champlin, O. P.....Fertile.
Chase, Henry L.....Clifton Springs, N. Y.
Colp, Daniel G.....Robbinsdale.
Clark, Allen.....Bemidji.
Conard, William J.....Park Rapids.
Cram, Delbert W.....Staples.
Crawford, C. H.....Minneapolis.
Cross, Roland S.....Dawson.
Cunningham, R. A.....Nassau.
Curtis, Charles H.....Worthington.

Davies, Arthur.....Clearwater.
Danford, James W.....North Branch.
Darling, Marion.....Detroit.
Dascomb, Arthur S.....Austin.
Dickinson, Samuel W., Field Sec. A. B. S. St. Paul.
Dickson, J. W.....Park Rapids.
Donovan, David.....Dundas.
*Downs, Chas. F.....Ellsworth.

Earl, James.....Minneapolis.
Engstrom, Alfred P.....Oxlip.

Fellows, Charles B.....Minneapolis.
Fish, Samuel E.....Hawley.
Fisher, Herman P.....Crookston.
Fisher, Samuel V. S.....Minneapolis.
Fisk, Wilbur.....Freeborn.
(Forbes, H. L.).....Morristown.
Frost, Lewis C.....Farwell, Mich.
Fuller, Americus.....Aintab, Turkey.

Gerrie, William A.....Minneapolis.
Gleason, Herbert W.....Boston, Mass.
Gould, J. Sidney.....Owatonna.
Gray, Wm. J.....St. Paul.
Griffith, Thos. L.....Cambria.
Griffith, William E.....Aitkin.
Gulick, Theo. W.....Glyndon.

Hales, J. J.....McIntosh.
Haggblom, John R.....Lake City.
Hall, Richard.....St. Paul.
Hammond, H. O.....Pelican Rapids.
Hanna, J. L.....Bertha.
Hallock, Leavitt H.....Minneapolis.
Harlow, Reuben W.....Park Rapids.
Harwood, Clement M. G.....Blue Hill, Me.

Heath, S.....Benson.
Heermance, Edgar L.....Mankato.
Herrick, Robert P.....Minneapolis.
*Hilton, Charles A.....Minneapolis.
Hindley, George.....Elk River.
Hjetland, John H.....Tyler.
Holmes, Henry.....Minneapolis.
Howard, T. W.....Howard Station, Ontario.
Hubbard, W. B.....Sherburn.
Hulbert, Jay M.....Minneapolis.
Huntington, George.....Northfield.
Huntington, John C.....Dallas, Texas.

Iorns, Benjamin.....Bemidji.

Jenney, E. Winthrop.....Winona.
Jenkins, William M.....Big Lake.
Johnson, Harry W.....West Duluth.
Johnston, Louis H., Lic.....Hartford, Ct.
Jones, Robert G.....Stewartville.
Josephson, Hans F.....Winona.
Judd, Hubert O.....Mantorville.
Juell, H. C. (student).....Ulen.

Keene, J. L.....Cottage Grove.
Kerr, Joseph P.....Moorhead.
Kimball, Jeremiah.....Duluth.
Killen, John F.....Hancock.
Krause, Frank O.....Medford.

Lesher, Everett.....Spring Valley.
Lewis, T. Henry.....Fargo, N. D.
(Lindsley, E. E.).....Verndale.
Lundquist, Nels J. (Swedish Mission).....Cannon Falls.
Lloyd, John.....Waseca.
Locke. J. Frank.....Long Prairie.
Lohr, George E.....St. Paul.
Loring, Levi.....Los Angeles, Cal.
Lyons, Eli C.....Minneapolis.
Lyman, E. W.....Northfield.

Magnus, Daniel H.....Minneapolis.
Martin, John L.....Edgerton.
Marts, W. G.....Brainerd.
Mather, J. Bruce.....Denver, Colo.
Maxwell, Charles H.....Minneapolis.
McConnell, James E.....Northfield.
McGregor, Alexander.....St. Paul.
McIntosh, Chas. H.....Zumbrota.
Medlar, William H.....Alexandria.
Merrill, Charles W.....Oroville, Cal.
Merrill, Geo. P.....Minneapolis.
Meske, Fred L. V.....Ortonville.
Michael, George.....Walker.
Milne, Alexander.....Duluth.
Moore, Robert G.....Chicago, Ill.
Mirick, E. A.....Duluth.
Morgan, David W.....Stratham, N. H.

Morris, Maurice B.....Minneapolis.
Morrison, Geo. M.....St Paul.
Morton, Geo. F.....Itasca Lake.
Moxie, Chas. H.....Barnesville.
*Murrman, Adam.....Minneapolis.

Nelson, Andrew P.....St. Peter.
Nott, Jairus L.....Minneapolis.

Oakey, James.....Grand Meadow.
Oehler, Frederick.....Wadena.
Oehler, William.....Ortonville.
Okerstein, J. F.....Minneapolis.
Olson, Anton.....Upsala.

Painter, Hobart K.....Fairmount.
Parsons, Henry W.....Minneapolis.
Pearson, Arthur H.....Guadalajara Jalisco, Mexico.
Pease, William.....Elk River.
Peterson, Karl E.....Sauk Rapids.
Peterson, Samuel.....Flensburg.
Peters, John.....Grey Eagle.
Pressey, Edwin S.....St. Anthony Park.
Plunkett, John V.....Springfield
Prucha Vaclav..... Silver Lake.

Reitinger, Philip.....Silver Lake.
Richardson, Frank H.....Morris.
Risser, Henry A.....Winona.
Roe, Alvah D.....Minneapolis.
Rogers, Enoch E..... .....Excelsior.
Rogers, Samuel J.....Minneapolis.
Ruddock, Charles A.....Lamberton.
Ruddock, Edwin N.....Glenwood.
Rood, John S.....Minneapolis.
Roberts, Owen W.....Keystone, S. D.

(Salstrom, L. A.)..... .....Minneapolis.
Sammis, John H.....Merriam Park.
Sather, Bernhard B.....Winona.
Schermerhorn, Lucien V.....Hopkins.
Searles, W. R.....Belview.
Seward, E. H., Lic.....Garvin.
Shultz, Jacob K.....Glencoe.
Shurtleff, Ernest W.....Minneapolis.
Smith, Alexander D.....Graceville.
Smith, Esther.....St. Paul.
Smith, G. Ernest.....Stillwater.
Smith, Frank N.....Tintah.
Smith, James E.....Minneapolis.
Smith, John H. B.....St. Paul.
Smith, Oscar M.....Java, N. Y.
Smith, Samuel G.....St. Paul.
Snow, Walter A.....Minneapolis.
Snowden, F. R.....
Starr, Otis A.....Excelsior
Steenson, P. James.....Princeton.

Stevens, Moody A.....Minneapolis.
Stiles, Hubert W.....Ada.
Strong, James W.....Northfield.
Stutson, Henry H.....Biwabik.
Sumner, Frederick A.....Minneapolis.
Swain, Carl J.....Sauk Rapids.
Swinnerton, Geo. F.....St. Louis Park.
Strohecker, J.....St. Paul.

Taylor, H. J.....Lake Park.
Taintor, Jesse F.....Chicago.
Tebbets, Arthur H.....Minneapolis.
Thom, A. Alex.....Waubay, N. D.
Todd, John W.....Fergus Falls.
Traut, G. Albert.....Excelsior.
Trcha, Charles J.....St. Paul.
Trussell, Wm. F.....Champlin.
Turner, Tell A.....Chillicothe, Ohio.
Thing, M. J. P.....Lake Benton.
(Thomas, Percy E.).....Winona.

Updyke, Stephen G.....

Vrooman, W. A.....
Vallentyne, James W.....Marshall.
Viehe, P. G.....Chokio.

Wallar, Wm. C. A.....Little Falls.
Warren, Albert.....Lake Benton.
Warren, Willis A.....Lake City.
Watt, Richard.....Amelia, Iowa.
Webber, Edwin E.....Galva, Iowa.
Wilson, Daniel E.....Wayzata.
Willoughby, Albert S.....Granada.
Winter, Paul.....Dexter.
Wilkinson, Wm. A.....Minneapolis.
Wilcox, Charles E.....Northfield.
Wilson, Sherman B.....Faribault.
Wright, Cassius B.....Washington, D. C.
Wingate, Henry K.....Cesarea, Turkey.
Wiley, Horace S.....Dodge Centre.
Woodcock, A. C.....Cass Lake.

LICENTIATES.

Atwater, W.....Lyle.
Austin, Lloyd B.....St. Paul.
Boyd, William .....Campbell.
Johnson, Louis H.....Hartford, Ct.
Parsons, Dudley .....Minneapolis.
Seward, E. H.....Garvin.

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*N. B.—Names starred (*) indicate that they are Congregational Ministers, but not members of any Conference in this State.

NECROLOGY.

REV. FRANK P. FERGUSON.—Died March 18, 1903, at Cleburne, Texas, where he had gone for rest, hoping to regain his health.

This brother was pastor of the churches of Mazeppa and Zumbro Falls and was greatly beloved by his people. He had previously served Big Lake and the out stations of the Alexandria district.

REV. ALEXANDER CHAMBERS, pastor of the Congregational Church of Granite Falls suddenly entered into the higher life April 7th, 1903.

Mr. Chambers was born in the North of England of Scottish ancestors, and after securing a college and seminary training he came to this country and for some fifteen years labored in Wisconsin. Among his many activities were the enlargement of church buildings and parsonages, the inception of new work in outlying districts which in due time developed into churches, and the strengthening and quickening of the churches of his pastorates. At one time he might properly have been considered as a veritable bishop of a great region in Northern Wisconsin, where he moved as a mighty force toward law and order and spiritual life of the whole community—a terror to saloon power and corruption, and a praise of them that did well.

Mr. Chambers had the faculty of standing amongst men in a most convincing way and was able to present the gospel in a method simple and penetrative, and yet was most profound in his every message. He was far removed from all hyprocisy and cant. He was a great lover of honor and was most open and candid in his dealings with his fellow-men. About a year ago in visiting England, he was induced by several denominations to lend his assistance in many series of meetings, and scores of people were brought into the Kingdom. A few months since he cast in his lot with the people of Granite Falls, and although called away while in the midst of activity, still the instant summons did not come until in this new field he had seen a goodly fruit for his labor, as many in that stricken church can truly testify.

A great and a good man has gone from among us and much sympathy is felt for the widow and three children who for the present reside at Ripon, Wis. —G.

REV. JAMES BRYANT DREW, born at Saco, Maine, Nov. 11th, 1838, died at West Mansville, Mass., April 8th, 1903.

Mr. Drew came from the Free Baptist Church and was pastor of the Congregational Church at Sauk Rapids from 1884 to 1887. From 1887 to 1898 his work was in St. Paul, where for several years he was Superintendent of the St. Paul Congregational Union. He leaves a widow and three children. A genial worker, beloved by all who knew him, has fallen asleep. "The record of his life—kept not by men—will be full and complete. It was a good life and fruitful in the Master's vineyard."

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PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,
DULUTH, MINN.

MINUTES OF THE FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION

OF MINNESOTA

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PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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OCTOBER 4-6, 1904

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IMPORTANT MATTERS.

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Schedules for the Year Book.

These will be sent to Pastors or Clerks about Dec. 20. If not received before Dec. 25, notify the Secretary. Be careful to answer every question. It will help the Secretary much if these reports are sent in before Jan. 20, 1905.

Any corrections for the Year Book should be sent early to the Secretary.

The next meeting will be with the First Church of Winona.

It will be our fiftieth meeting, let it be a Jubilee with a large delegation.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR SESSION OF 1904.

MODERATOR:
HON. A. A. MILLER.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR:
REV. JOHN S. ROOD.

SCRIBE:
REV. F. L. V. MESKE.

ASSISTANT SCRIBE:
REV. JAMES W. VALLENTYNE.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER:
REV. SAMUEL J. ROGERS.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:
REV. WILLIS A. WARREN,
REV. WALTER A. SNOW,
W. S. WOODBRIDGE.

NOTICES FOR 1905:

The next Annual Meeting will be held at Winona, Oct. 3, 1905.
Moderator, Dean W. S. Pattee.
Assistant Moderator, Rev. Frederick H. Oehler.
Sermon by Rev. George S. Rollins.

STANDING COMMITTEES AND DELEGATES FOR 1904-1905.

BUSINESS.—Rev. Walter S. Snow, W. S. Woodbridge and Calvin Decker

FINANCE AND PRINTING.—Edwin S. Slater, George Elwell and W. S. Wingate.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—Rev. James Parsons, Harington Beard and Rev. H. K. Painter.

ARRANGEMENTS.—Rev. P. E. Thomas, W. H. Laird and Theodore Weld.

TRUSTEES OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF.—Pres. Chas. H. Cooper, Rev. W. J. Gray.

PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL MATTER.—Warren Upham, Rev. James W. Strong, Rev. S. V. S. Fisher, Rev. Geo. R. Merrill, Rev. H. P. Fisher, Prof. J. J. Dow, W. S. Woodbridge, Dr. Geo. O. Moore.

VISITORS TO CARLETON COLLEGE.—Rev. F. L. V. Meske, Rev. Wm. E. Griffith, Rev. Geo. A. Traut, Rev. Paul Winter, Rev. J. W. Vallentyne, Rev. W. B. Pinkerton, Rev. E. L. Heermance, Rev. C. H. Maxwell, Rev. Alexander Milne and Dean W. S. Pattee.

VISITORS TO WINDOM INSTITUTE.—Rev. Charles A. Hilton, Rev. S. Heath.

FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL.—Delegates—Hon. A. A. Miller, Rev. Samuel G. Smith, Prof. J. J. Dow. Alternates—W. W. McMillan, Rev. C. E. Burton, Rev C. H. Curtis.

NOMINEES FOR AMERICAN BOARD.—M. W. Skinner and Harlan P. Roberts.

DELEGATE TO SEMI-CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST CHURCH OF WINONA.—President James W. Strong; Alternate, Dean W. S. Pattee.

COMMITTEE FOR REDISTRICTING CONFERENCES.—Rev. Alexander Milne, Rev. Willis A. Warren, Rev. Jas. W. Vallentyne.

COMMITTEES FOR THE SESSION OF 1904.

NOMINATIONS.—Rev. Wm. J. Gray, Rev. J. H. Albert and Rev. Henry Holmes.

PLACE AND PREACHER.—Rev. G. A. Traut, Rev. C. A. Hilton and Mr. John Street.

RESOLUTIONS.—Rev. E. L. Heermance, Rev. W. J. Brown and Mr. John Turner.

MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The forty-ninth annual meeting of the General Congregational Association of Minnesota convened in the Pilgrim Congregational Church of Duluth Tuesday, Oct. 4, 1904, at half past two o'clock in the afternoon, and was called to order by the Moderator, Hon. A. A. Miller, of Crookston.

Rev. George R. Merrill conducted the Bible Hour, this theme being "The Motive of Christ's Death." President Strong led in prayer. Rev. James W. Vallentyne was elected Assistant Scribe.

Rev. Willis A. Warren, Chairman of Business Committee, reported the program, which was adopted and, with slight changes, carried out.

On motion, it was ordered that all reports, unless otherwise ordered, be referred to Committee on Printing.

The report of Secretary was read. (See Report A.)

The reports of Treasurer, Auditor, and Committee on Finance and Printing were presented. (See Report B.)

The report of Committee on Sunday Schools, prepared by Rev. Charles E. Burton, was read by Rev. C. A. Hilton. (See Report D.)

Rev. Robert P. Herrick presented the report of the work of the Congregational S. S. and Publishing Society.

The report of Visitor to Chicago Theological Seminary was presented by Rev. Alexander Milne. (See Report F.)

Prof. Graham Taylor, being present, was called upon and gave a most impressive address upon the work of the Seminary, its hard problems, its encouragements and its sore trials in the loss of professors by removal and death. He told in a most tender manner of the heroic and self-sacrificing work of Rev. Samuel Ives Curtis, D. D., who has just died in London, and of the irreparable loss which through this event has come to the whole Christian church.

The Moderator appointed for Committee on Nominations Rev. William J. Gray, Rev. J. H. Albert, Rev. Henry Holmes.

EVENING SESSION.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Wm. J. Gray.

The Moderator made the address, giving an account of the condition of the churches and the needs for the coming year.

After a solo by Mrs. M. Baldwin, Prof. Graham Taylor spoke upon "The Emphasis which Evangelism lays upon Nurture." His most entertaining and instructive address was illustrated and enforced by leaves from his own experience as pastor of country and city churches, and professor in Hartford and Chicago Seminaries. The meeting closed with a hymn and benediction by Dr. Taylor.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Session opened at 9 o'clock.

Committee on Nominations reported as follows:

Assistant Moderator for this session, Rev. John S. Rood.

Committee on Place and Preacher, Rev. Geo. A. Traut, Rev. Chas. Hilton and Mr. John Street.

Committee on Resolutions, Rev. Edgar L. Heermance, Rev. W. J. Brown and Mr. John Turner.

The report was adopted and prayer was offered by Rev. L. H. Hallock.

In the Bible Hour the subject of Rev. Geo. R. Merrill's address was "The Living Christ."

The Assistant Moderator took the chair. The work of Windom Institute was presented by the Principal, Mr. H S. Martin, and Rev. Robert P. Herrick, President of Board of Trustees.

The report of the Visitors to Carleton College was given by Rev. Herman P. Fisher, and remarks were made by Rev. L. Hallock and President Sallmon. (See Report G.)

A memorial signed by sixteen ministers gathered at Winona Lake Assembly, was presented and referred to Committee on Resolutions.

The topic, "Special Evangelism," was taken up. Rev. Richard Brown spoke on the "Conditions Which Demand It."

Rev. J. W. Vallentyne, in absence of Rev. John Lloyd, spoke on "How to Secure Permanent Results."

These addresses were followed by general discussion.

Rev. S. V. S. Fisher read a paper on "How to Vitalize the Practice of Praying."

A recess was taken until 2 o'clock in afternoon.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The first hour was occupied by the program of the Woman's Home Missionary Union.

At 3 o'clock the annual meeting of The Minnesota Home Missionary Society was held

The Association convened at 5 o'clock and minutes of previous sessions read and approved

The report of Committee on Historical Matter, prepared by Warren Upham, was read. (See Report E.)

It was voted to continue the committee.

Rev. Percy E. Thomas, of Winona, presented an invitation from First Church of Winona for a delegation to attend the fiftieth anniversary of that church in December next. The invitation was accepted and referred to the Nominating Committee.

On motion the Moderator and Secretary were instructed to send greetings to the Wisconsin Convention, now in session at Eau Claire. Greetings were sent on Thursday morning, calling attention to Philippians, iv:19.

The appointment of Visitors to Windom Institute was referred to the Nominating Committee.

Recess taken till 7:30 p. m.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Devotional service was conducted by Rev. Everett Lesher. "Are the Children All In?" was the subject of an address by Rev. R. P. Herrick.

A solo was sung by Mr. John Martin.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock from text II. Corinthians, iv:18. Subject, "The Place of the Spiritual."

The Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. Geo. A. Traut and Rev. John S. Rood, and an offering was taken for the Ministerial Relief Society.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The Committee for Redistricting the Conferences reported and report was adopted. (See Report C.)

The Nominating Committee was instructed to name the Committee called for by this report, and also to nominate the officers for the ensuing year, except the Moderator.

Rev. E. L. Heermance read a paper on the "Secrets of Success in the Christian Endeavor Society," which was discussed with much interest.

Rev. James E. McConnell presented a plea for The Peopled Union of the Methodist Protestant, United Brethren and Congregational denominations.

Rev. S. V. S. Fisher presented reports of Secretary and Treasurer of the Ministerial Relief Association of this state.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Dean W. S. Pattee was elected Moderator and, after nomination by the committee, Rev. F. H. Oehler was chosen Assistant Moderator; Rev. Samuel J. Rogers, Secretary and Treasurer for three years; Rev. James W. Vallentyne, Scribe, and John M. Norris, Auditor.

The Nominating Committee reported in full for Committees and Delegates, and report was adopted. (See page 4.)

The Committee on Place and Preacher reported, recommending that the invitation from the First Congregational Church of Winona be accepted, and that Rev. George S. Rollins preach the sermon, with Rev. J. H. Albert as Alternate.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions reported and report was adopted. (See Report H.)

Notice was given by Rev. S. V. S. Fisher of an amendment to the constitution, Art. 6, third line, striking out words "pastor of the entertaining church," and substituting the words, "minister of the church with which the annual meeting is held;" and striking out the sentence in 9th and 10th lines beginning with words, "The Minister of the church."

Notice was also given by Rev. H. P. Fisher of a change in the constitution, Art. 6, so that in place of "a Board of Visitors to Carleton College," it shall read, "a Committee on Carleton College, chosen for three years, and after first election one-third be elected each year."

Mr. R. Harker reported the work of the Gideons.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The Bible Hour service was conducted by Rev. Geo. R. Merrill.

The hour from 3 to 4 o'clock was given to the Minnesota Branch of the W. B. M. I.

At the business session the action of a year ago in reference to union with Methodist Protestant and United Brethren was reaffirmed.

Rev. W. A. Snow gave notice of an amendment to Art. 6, fourth line, inserting after words "Sunday School Committee" the words, "a Committee on Historical Matter."

Rev. L. H. Hallock offered the following resolution, which was accepted: Whereas, The order of "Gideons" is developing a spiritual fervency and power for Christian evangelism in our land, we therefore suggest to our Business Committee to consider the advisability of providing a few moments on the annual programme to hear of their work.

Rev. W. J. Gray offered the following resolution, which was accepted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Carleton College be requested to confer with the President and Trustees of the college and present, if possible, at our next annual meeting some plan for a closer affiliation between this Association and the College.

THURSDAY EVENING.

The services were opened by Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. R. Brown.

The minutes were read and approved

The Scribe was directed to complete the minutes. An anthem was rendered by the choir, after which the closing address of the Association was given by Rev. Samuel G. Smith, on "The Kingdom of God a Reality and a Power in Human Society."

The resolution of thanks offered by the Committee was adopted by a rising vote, and the benediction was pronounced by President Strong, and the Association adjourned.

A. A. MILLER, Moderator;
F. L. V. MESKE, Scribe;
SAMUEL J. ROGERS, Secretary.

ROLL OF THE ASSOCIATION.

ANOKA CONFERENCE.

Anoka—Rev. Edwin Ewell, Mrs. Edwin Ewell. *Silver Lake*—Miss Antonie Osinek. *Minneapolis: Plymouth*—Rev. L. H. Hallock, Mrs. L. H. Hallock, Rev. George R. Merrill, Harold Hunting, R. L. Pollock, Mrs. R. L. Pollock, Dr. J. A. Crosby, Mrs J E. Truesdell. *Park Avenue*—Dr. O. S. Chapman, John B. Harker, Mrs. J. B. Harker, Mrs. M. C. Bristoll, Mrs. E. R. Shepard, Mrs. C. D. Barthe. *Pilgrim*—Mrs. Buchanan. *Vine*—Rev. John S. Rood, Rev. S. V. S. Fisher. *Como*—George H. Elwell. *Open Door*—Rev. William A. Gerrie. *Lyndale*—E. A. Mason, Miss Cleona L. Case. *Fremont Avenue*—Rev. C. A. Hilton. *Fifth Avenue*—Rev. James E. Smith, Mrs. J. E. Smith. *Bethany*—Rev. Maurice B. Morris. *Oak Park*—Rev. Walter A. Snow. *Lowry Hill*—Rev. Henry Holmes, Mrs. Henry Holmes, D. D. Webster. *Linden Hills*—Rev. Charles H. Maxwell, Chas. P. Cooper, Mrs. C. P. Cooper. *St. Paul: Plymouth*—J. Watson Smith, F. A. White, Miss C. W. Nichols, Miss C. S. Pond. *Pacific*—Rev. William J. Gray, Mrs W. J. Gray, John M. Boxell, Mrs. S. Cochrane. *Park*—Mrs. S. W. Dickinson, Rev. Samuel W. Dickinson. *Atlantic*—Rev. Matt. Evans, A. T. Hollenbeck, Miss Lucy M. Johnson. *Peoples*—Rev. Samuel G. Smith. *Stillwater*—Rev. J. W. Dickson.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

Alexandria—Mrs. M. J. Stevens. *Monticello*—Rev. William E. Griffith. *Grey Eagle*—Rev. John Peters.

DULUTH CONFERENCE.

Biwabik—Rev. H. H. Stutson, Dr. Chas. W. Bray, Mrs. Wm. Carmichael, Miss Agnes Carmichael. *Brainerd—First*, Rev. Richard Brown, R. K. Whiteley, Mrs. Alice D. White; *People's*, Rev. Allen Clark. *Duluth—Pilgrim*, Rev. Alexander Milne, Mr. W. S. Woodbridge, Mrs. W. S. Woodbridge, T. H. Hawkes, W. M. McMillan, M. W. Bates, Mrs. T. J. Davis, Mrs. Ward Ames, Dr. Mary McCoy; *West Duluth*, Rev. Harry W. Johnson, Dea. J. W. Bowne, Mrs. H. W. Johnson.

MANKATO CONFERENCE.

Fairmont—Mrs. Frank A. Day. *Freeborn*—Rev. Wilbur Fisk. *Mankato*—Rev. Edgar L. Heermance. *Mapleton*—Rev. Geo. E. Brown. *Sherburn*—Rev. Wm. B. Hubbard

MINNESOTA VALLEY CONFERENCE.

Belview—Rev. Geo. R. Searles. *Benson*—Rev. S. Heath. *Granite Falls*—Rev. H. C. Todd. *Montevideo*—Rev. W. J. Brown. *Ortonville*—Rev. F. L V. Meske.

NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

Akeley—Rev. L. D. Arnold, Leslie Berger. *Crookston*—Rev. Edwin S. Shaw, Hon. A. A. Miller, Mrs. A. A. Miller. *Hawley*—Jean L. Wilson, Mary A. Shave. *Moorhead*—Rev. G. A. Traut, John Turner.

OWATONNA CONFERENCE.

Cannon Falls—Rev. J. L. Keene. *Faribault*—Rev. J. H. Albert, C. McKelliff. *Northfield*—Rev. J. E. McConnell, John Street, Mrs. P. A. Persons, Mrs. A. W. Norton, Miss Cornelia Southworth. *Owatonna*—Miss Sarah J. Town, Mr. H. J. Jager. *Spring Valley*—Rev. Everett Lesher, Mabel Greene, Clara E. Kellogg.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

Marshall—Rev. J. W. Vallentyne, W. S. Dibble, Milo Fisk. *Winthrop*—Rev. E. Grimshaw.

WINONA CONFERENCE.

Lake City—Rev. W. A. Warren, Roy T. Keith. *Rochester*—Rev. C. H. Curtis. *Winona—First,* Rev. Percy E. Thomas, W. P. Blackman; *Second,* Louis Lawrence. *St. Charles*—Rev. S. T. Beattie.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

James W. Strong, C. B. Fellows, E. C. Lyons, Robert P. Herrick, Herman P. Fisher, A. H. Tebbetts, Samuel J. Rogers, William Wilkinson.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Rev. Graham Taylor, D. D., Chicago; Rev. A. N. Hitchcock, Ph. D., Chicago; Rev. William H. Sallmon, D. D., Northfield; Rev. Thomas H. Clelland, D. D., Duluth; Rev. K. E. Forsell, of Bemidji; Rev. John Wilson.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

"A"

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Early in November last the minutes of our last session were sent to the churches. The statistical report for Minnesota was received in Boston Feb. 27th, being the thirteenth report of nearly fifty sent in.

The large majority of our churches report before the first of February.

The number of churches added to the roll in 1903 was three, and number dropped four. There are enrolled 220 churches and 208 ministers. The additions to membership reported exceed reported removals by nearly four hundred, and yet there is an apparent loss of 307 members, and an apparent loss of 858 members of Sunday Schools and 1,170 from Christian Endeavor societies.

There has been a gain in the benevolent contributions of $7,867, but the legacies were much less than in previous years, and contributions for Home expenses, as reported, show a decrease of above thirty thousand dollars. The number of churches reporting benevolent contributions is 189, a gain of two over last report.

The number of new church buildings is not as great in 1903 as in 1902; but since the reports were gathered for the Year Book some new houses have been completed and additions have been made to others. The year since our last meeting seems, upon the whole, to have been one of hopeful increase along all lines. There have been fewer vacant churches and a less number of resignations of pastors. Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL J. ROGERS, Secretary.

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REPORT OF TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Balance per last report	$227.85
Anoka Conference, balance of 1903	40.00
Mankato Conference, in full for 1903	40.00
Minnesota Valley Conference, in full for 1902 and 1903	54.80
Northern Pacific Conference, in full for 1903	38.00
Anoka Conference, on account of 1904	245.00
Central Conference, on account of 1904	30.00
Duluth Conference, in full for 1904	21.00
Mankato Conference, in full for 1904	44.00
Northern Pacific Conference, on account of 1904	20.00
Owatonna Conference, in full for 1904	87.00
Western Conference, in full for 1904	23.00
Winona Conference, in full for 1904	54.00
Total	$924.65

EXPENDITURES.

Bills of Business Committee of 1903	$47.56
Printing of Minutes, 1,500 copies	165.65
Half tone plates, postage, express and envelopes for Minutes	33.18
Salary of Secretary	150.00
Dues of National Council	281.91
Postage, express, stationery and printing for Secretary	14.70
To insure railway rates	11.00
Total	$704.00
Balance in Treasury	220.65

SAMUEL J. ROGERS, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.
Sept. 30, 1904.

J. M. NORRIS, Auditor.

Dues of Conferences unpaid Oct. 4th, 1904:

Anoka	$30.00
Central	20.00
Minnesota Valley	29.00
Northern Pacific	24.00
Total	$103.00

One year ago there were arrears amounting to $168.80.

Report of the special fund contributed by forty churches in Iowa and Minnesota towards rebuilding the church at St. Charles:

Received from these churches from October, 1903, to March, 1904	$538.67
Remitted by check to Treasurer of St. Charles church, March, 1904	538.67

SAMUEL J. ROGERS, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.
Sept. 29, 1904.

JOHN M. NORRIS, Auditor.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND PRINTING.

To the General Congregational Association of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Finance and Printing reports bills allowed aggregating $704.00, as audited by Mr. J. M. Norris. For items see the Treasurer's report.

The estimates of the expenses of the Association for the ensuing year are:

For the National Council	$290.00
Printing minutes and postage	200.00
Salary of Secretary	150.00
Expenses of Business Committee	50.00
Postage, stationery and incidentals	25.00
Total	$715.00

To defray these expenses we need an assessment of about four cents per member upon the churches, apportioned as follows:

Anoka Conference	$332.00
Central Conference	58.00
Duluth Conference	24.00
Mankato Conference	50.00
Minnesota Valley	36.00
Northern Pacific Conference	50.00
Owatonna Conference	100.00
Winona Conference	62.00
Western Conference	23.00
Total	$735.00

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND PRINTING,

D. D. WEBSTER, Chairman,

EDWIN S. SLATER.

Minneapolis, Oct. 1, 1904.

"C"

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REARRANGING OF THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CONFERENCES IN THE STATE.

Six of our nine conferences were represented at a meeting of the Registrars, and the ground was gone over as carefully as time would permit. The number of associated churches in the State is 205, with a membership of 18,447. Of these, Anoka Conference includes 55 churches and 8,168 members, not far short of half the total membership of the entire State. Compared with this giant, Duluth has but 7 churches with 704 members, and Western has 14 churches with but 638 members. The examination showed also great inequalities in the territory covered, with curious irregularities in individual churches. For instance, Waseca is connected wth Mankato Conference, on whose eastern boundary it lies. The distance from Waseca to the western line of the Conference is greater than the combined width of Owatonna and Winona to the east.

Your committee agreed unanimously on the following points:

1. Something should be done.
2. Anoka Conference is too large and should be divided.

3. Western, Winona and Duluth are too small.

They agreed in recommending to the Association,—

1. That a committee of three should be appointed to take the matter under further consideration, looking towards a rectification of the present inequalities and inconveniences.

2. They recommend, further, that the Conferences be urged to study their own situation, and each Conference be prepared to submit to the committee of the Association a plan of reorganization upon which the churches of each Conference would be practically agreed.

Your committee recognize that the work of reorganization belongs to the Conferences and churches. The committee of the Association can serve as a clearing house and source of suggestion.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER MILNE,
SAMUEL J. ROGERS,
W. A. WANEN,
J. W. VALLENTYNE.

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REPORT OF STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO THE FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA

The State Sunday School Committee began its work with an informal conference with a group of the Conference representatives of the Sunday School and Publication Society at Plymouth Church, Minneapolis, in December. This meeting suggested a plan which was approved at a meeting of the Sunday School committee held soon after. It was determined to endeavor to institute propaganda that should occupy as many fields throughout the State as possible by calling into service some of the many capable laymen in our city and village churches. With Supt. Herrick, the situation throughout the State was canvassed and the churches arranged in small groups. In each group one pastor was selected and asked to call together the pastors or representatives from each of the churches in his group, where a map of the district should be taken and the location of every church and Sunday School marked upon it, thus revealing the unoccupied fields which might need Sunday Schools. It was thought that further conference would reveal men in neighboring churches who could and would give their Sunday afternoons to superintending such Sunday Schools, until the local workers were ready to assume the whole responsibility. We believe there are many communities in the state not adequately served by Sunday Schools. We also believe that there are in our churches large numbers of earnest Christians who are doing but little in the Master's vineyard

who need only to be led out into the work. Recent reports from the group are not as encouraging, however, as we had hoped. The machinery seemed to stick at the final cog. In most instances no conference was secured. In others, conferences were held but no favorable openings appeared. In other instances movements have been set on foot which are yet in their preliminary stages. Many of the groups, however, have not been heard from. This leaves hope that something may have been accomplished, but we cannot forget that when a man fails to report it is more likely to be because he has nothing to report than otherwise.

But, after all this is said, it must also be reported that some schools have been started and some efforts made that would not have been made but for this committee co-operation. Favorable reports come from Wabasha district, where plans for the future are well in hand and where one Sunday School has been started and preaching services also held for a season. Brother Dascomb reports from Austin district that the conference was held, resulting in the opening of preaching services in three neglected districts, which are still maintained. He says, further: "I can see great possibilities along this line in our county. In November we are to have a Sunday School rally here, at which time I hope to see interest awakened and something more definite done along this line." He adds: "I hope you will emphasize to your utmost the value and importance of this work. We already have neglected this work too long, and if we expect the Lord to forgive us we must *up and be at it*. I wish I could go to Duluth, as I would like to say something to the ministers along this line." After reporting the reception of five families into the church from his country visiting, Brother Dascomb gives the following example of a day's work:

"Will give you one illustration to show how gladly these country people will welcome a preacher if he gives them half a chance. One day last summer I was driving in the country about ten miles from Austin, and in passing a farmhouse I noticed seven or eight men gathered about a fallen windmill. I drove in and asked them what was the matter, and they explained to me that the mill was broken and they had been working on the thing all day but were unable to fix it. I happen to be a little something of a mechanic, so I helped them fix it, and then drove on. I did not know one of the men, and I did not think any of them knew me. (I do not dress in 'clericals.') But imagine my surprise when, after the service the following Sabbath, two of them walked up to me and said: 'Several of the boys out our way want to know if you will not come out and preach to us next Sunday in our school house.' This is just an indication of what we country ministers can and should do for our outlying districts.

["I forgot to say that the above farmers are known in town as a 'Godless set.' They make hay and do their other farm work on Sunday as well as any other day of the week. Does not this give us food for reflection?"]

Encouraging reports come also from Rochester district, where the work is being taken up systematically, and from the Faribault district, where two schools are maintained. Reports from Wadena show considerable activity

in that vicinity in connection with schools already organized.

In immediate results, therefore, we feel that the work of this year's committee has not been in vain. But we feel that the chief value of our attempt to get workers and fields into contact lies in the experiment, which shows two things: First, that there is great need of such work; and, second, that some more successful scheme of accomplishing it should be sought Or, if the scheme is all right, that it should be worked more successfully. There may be valuable suggestions in the plans of the Winona Conference, where our plan of mapping the district was referred to the Conference and efforts are being made to establish circuits of Sunday School and preaching stations.

The difficulty in securing separate conferences of groups suggests that possibly this work could best be done in connection with the local conferences, and if this in turn should lay emphasis on the need of rearranging our conference bounds, no harm would be done. We recommend to next year's committee that this work be pushed in co-operation with the Sunday School and Publishing Society workers, and that the plan of working through the local conferences be considered as more workable than the independent plan pursued this year.

To pastors we would say: Do not take it for granted that there is nothing to be done or that there is no way of doing it. The life and growth of our village churches are too largely dependent upon the rural feeders to permit our being careless in directing the streams, when once we realize the situation.

The prevalence of the feeling in some parts, that because a community is peopled by foreigners, therefore we can do nothing in Sunday School lines, demands especial attention. Are there not in our churches foreign speaking Christians who can be made to feel their privilege in ministering to the children of their homelands to the extent of conducting a Sunday School among them, either in English or in their own language, or both? Do not say that it cannot be done until the situation is thoroughly canvassed.

Such a work as this, suggested by our committee, cannot be expected to accomplish wonders at once. It is, however, in line with the need of larger co-operation on the part of Congregationalists and of deeper denominational consciousness, and we suggest that future committees confer with the State Superintendent with a view to following up the work already begun.

Respectfully submitted,
C. E. BURTON,
Chairman Committee.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL MATTER.

This committee reports progress during the past year in the collection of manuscripts, newspaper articles, and other publications relating to the his-

tory of Congregationalism in this State.

When the history of Carleton College shall be published, as is soon expected, it will give much information of our denominational work and progress in Minnesota. As a companion volume, we wish to gather details of the founding and the history of each of our more than two hundred Congregational Churches, devoting a page or more to each church.

In the same volume may also be conveniently presented a summary of church Sunday School statistics for this State, compiled from the Congregational text books, and condensed histories of this Association, of our State missionary societies, Sunday Schools, and all branches of Congregational work in Minnesota.

The committee therefore ask each pastor who has labored in Minnesota to prepare and forward to them a biographic sketch, including time and place of birth, parentage, family records, education, and a narration of his pastoral work in this State and elsewhere. Pastors and officers of churches are also asked to send brief statements of the date of organization, list of original members, and chief events in the subsequent history of their several churches.

These biographical and historical papers will be placed in the library of the Minnesota Historical Society, in the State Capitol, St. Paul, and will be available for convenient reference at any time. Within a few years it is hoped that they will be used for the compilation and publication of a comprehensive history of all our churches.

WARREN UPHAM, Chairman.

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REPORT ON CHICAGO SEMINARY.

In the absence of the regularly appointed visitor, the undersigned, being present at the commencement of Chicago Theological Seminary, last May, was asked by President George to represent Minnesota on the Board of Examiners. If such unofficial representation is worthy of recognition, he would respectfully present his impressions of the conditions of the seminary and the work done.

The work accomplished by the professors and students is of a high order. The men are exceptionally mature in intellectual force and in judgment. A spirit of earnest scholarship prevails. Judging by the examinations, the teaching is abreast of the age and true to the ages. The most modern theology is known but is not too reverently handled. It is not regarded treason to criticize Ritschl or to have doubts as to the infallibility of Cheyne and the Encyclopædia Biblica. It is worthy of special mention and commendation that the students are given a thorough course in the principles of pedagogy and their application to the practical work of the church and Sunday School.

Chicago gives abundant opportunity for the study of social phenomena,

and in this most interesting and fruitful field, masterly instruction and guidance are provided in the head of the Department of Christian Sociology and Pastoral Theology.

It is ground for sincere congratulation that the serious loss of income resulting from the adverse decision of the supreme court was made up last year, and commencement found all bills paid. It is to be hoped that an endowment entirely adequate will speedily be provided.

In every way, in its financial management, in the character of the instruction given, in the broad range of its curriculum, in the spirit that prevails, the seminary is worthy of the heartiest approbation of this Association, and the most generous support of the churches. The Seminary is fortunate in its head as well as in its members. President George wins and holds the interest, sympathy and support of the people of our churches.

Respectfully presented,

ALEXANDER MILNE.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS TO CARLETON COLLEGE.

Carleton College is doing an excellent academic work. Her standards have been set by the spirit of her founders, and have been maintained by the sturdy, unassuming and devoted work of the young people entering her halls, and the churches of the North Star State. We trust that this heritage is being jealously guarded, and that Carleton will continue to be a thoroughly indigenous institution, combining the push of the West with the thoroughness of the East.

Moreover, she has accomplished a great work on a high moral and religious level. We have sought and found evidence both in the devotion and weight of the administrators as well as in the character and worth of the students, that every effort will be made to maintain this level. We consider this feature of Carleton College life one of superlative importance, for this determines largely how far the graduates of the college shall carry into the communities where they make their homes that vital and distinctive element which works for righteousness, which bears responsibilities, and which sets such a standard of moral excellence before the young as shall encourage them to confront the insidious moral practices so rife in society today.

The primary aim of a college, on its academic side, should be the acquisition of a liberal education—meaning thereby learning, *how* to study and *what* to study; while on its character-building side, its aim is to teach young men to be manly and young women to be womanly. This purpose, both in its scholastic and moral features, is expected to be attained by means of the college course.

While the demands upon such institutions will be constantly new, and in

some respects varied, for the immediate future special demands will be made along five lines, namely:

1. The Study of the Sciences.

In this the laboratory method which requires large equipment in apparatus, library advantages and teaching force, is commending itself to the higher institutions of learning. We find that the professors of Carleton are, to the limit of their facilities, employing the most advanced methods of instruction and investigation.

2. The development of the social nature.

Of this department of college life we can truly say that its difficulty is equaled only by its importance. How can each institution study the peculiar needs of its constituency, estimate its own resources, and apply its forces in such a manner as to train and direct the social instincts of men and women who are at an age when such work may be everything to them? This work has both its personal and public features, and those, too, which have reference to college life as well as to society. For the development of the social life on its public side, the reader of this report noted on the occasion of his last four visits casually made at Carleton, that on one evening Booker T. Washington gave an address; on another occasion a musical concert was rendered; in a third a reception was held in Gridley Hall; and the last time, a prize debate occurred between representatives of two Minnesota colleges. By such means Carleton is attempting to solve just that problem. It is a problem in which home training and parental co-operation are most significant factors. To this end the administrators of the institution urge a more intimate connection of the churches with the college. The class rooms and the general work are open at all times to any who may be interested, and the President as well as the professors solicit from all quarters suggestions and assistance, that the institution may be fully in touch with its times and its constituency, and the best possible product may be given to our country.

3. Training in Music and Oratory.

A distinguished professor of music in Connecticut recently remarked to the reader that "Our colleges generally are simply ignoring the subject of music." Your committee was much pleased with the scope and thoroughness of the work done in music at Carleton. A new music hall is much needed, and a more extensive material equipment would be abundantly justified by the results already attained. For the work in oratory, Professor Tompkins, from Oberlin, comes to the college at the beginning of this year.

A fourth characteristic of modern academic life is Physical Culture.

In Minnesota, as well as in Maine, there are knocking at college doors boys who are all hands or all feet. They need symmetrical physical development. The college with a good gymnasium, an athletic field, and a trained instructor, is answering this need today.

To meet this demand the teacher in physical culture uses the old Observatory building for indoor and the Campus for outdoor exercises. The ladies have fitted up for their special use a gymnasium in Gridley Hall. A commodious modern building is the need of the hour in this department.

5. The Study of the Classics.

This feature will doubtless be more generally emphasized in future than it is at present by our colleges.

The swing during recent years has been away from the classics and in the direction of the sciences. Doubtless the pendulum will return and the demand for a broader and more finished education, especially for those who contemplate entering the higher professions, will be measurably met. We believe this work can be accomplished in connection with scientific work in the regular college four years, by means of the present improved text books, enlarged library facilities, and advanced teaching methods.

Carleton offers the regular classical, scientific and literary courses for the usual first academic degrees, and several graduate courses for those who wish further study. While she has not overurged the full classical course, she has jealously guarded the rights of such studies and has not allowed other departments, however apparently important, to infringe. Possibly in the future it may be wise for Carleton to make this department her specialty (or one of her specialties), as she has made mathematics in the past.

There is a large increase in attendance this year over that of a year ago.

During the year the sum of twenty-one thousand dollars has been raised for indebtedness and current expenses.

Carleton college is our own institution, given to this Association in faith and prayer a generation ago, and to be regarded by all our churches as a legacy and a sacred trust.

HERMAN P. FISHER.

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RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, Carleton College is the child of the Congregational Churches of Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, We have entire confidence that the present administration will be fruitful for the best interests of the college and the Kingdom of God,

Resolved, That we pledge to it our continued support, and endorse the President's expressed desire for a closer knitting of the relationship between the college and the churches.

Resolved, That the State Association of Minnesota endorses the plan of Windom Institute to increase its endowment to an amount adequate to its needs and proportioned to its deserts.

WHEREAS, The death of Prof. Samuel Ives Curtiss removes from the faculty of the Chicago Theological Seminary its senior member, from Old Testament theology an illustrious scholar, from the life of the churches an eminent Christian, be it

Resolved, That we express to the faculty of the Seminary our sense of a common loss, our heartfelt sympathy, and our promise of support in every situation, and every need.

Resolved, That the Congregational Association of Minnesota requests the National Council to appoint a committee on immediate and concerted evangelistic effort among the churches; and be it further

Resolved, That the delegates from Minnesota to the National Council are instructed to present this overture.

WHEREAS, President Roosevelt proposes to issue a call for a second Peace Congress,

Resolved, That the Congregationalists of Minnesota in convention assembled, heartily endorse such proposed action; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Association be instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to the executive head of the nation.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association be rendered to Pilgrim Congregational Church, Duluth, for its hearty reception and generous treatment accorded; to the ladies of the church for their bountiful repasts; to the choir for their efficient aid in the enrichment of the services; to the pastor for his tactfulness in anticipating and meeting our wants; to the public press of Duluth for its generous account of the meeting, and to all others who have contributed to the enjoyment and profit of all in attendance at the sessions of the Association.

THE CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Secretaries.....Rev. Joseph B. Clark, D. D., Rev. Washington Choate, D. D.
Treasurer.....Mr. William B. Howland.
Represented in Minnesota by.....Rev. George R. Merrill, D. D., Supt.

THE MINNESOTA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. James W. Strong, D. D., LL. D. (1872-1904).....*President*
Hon. Lyndon A. Smith.....*Vice-President*

DIRECTORS.

Hon. W. H. Laird.....Term expires in 1905
A. C. Anderson.....Term expires in 1905
Rev. S. G. Smith, D. D.....Term expires in 1906
Hon. Geo. E. Perley.....Term expires in 1906
Edwin S. Slater.....Term expires in 1907
Hon. L. E. Jepson.....Term expires in 1907
Hon. A. A. Miller.....Term expires in 1907

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

HELD AT

DULUTH, MINN., WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, OCT. 5, 1904.

The meeting was called to order by President James W. Strong.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Wilbur Fisk.

The Scribes and Nominating Committee of the Association were requested to act in the same capacity during the meeting of this Society.

The annual review of the work was presented by the Superintendent, Rev. George R. Merrill, and brief addresses were made by Mr. Harold Hunting, Rev. A. C. Woodcock, Rev. C. H. Curtis and Rev. C. A. Hilton.

The Nominating Committee reported the following names for Directors:

Mr. A. C. Anderson, of St. Paul, to fill the vacancy occasioned by removal of Rev. Geo. M. Morrison.

Hon. L. E. Jepson, for three years.
Mr. Edwin S. Slater, for three years.
Hon. A. A. Miller, for three years.
The report was adopted and these men declared elected.
After prayer by Rev. S. V. S. Fisher the Society adjourned.

JAMES W. STRONG, President.
F. L. V. MESKE, Scribe.

THE HOME MISSIONARY YEAR.

A Paper Read at the General Congregational Conference of Minnesota at Duluth by Geo. R. Merrill, D. D., Supt. C. H. M. S.

In its national work the **Congregational Home Missionary Society** has been passing thro' one of its recurrent periods of difficulty and crisis. At the end of its year, March 31, there appeared a deficiency of over $100,000, caused most largely, it is explained, by a shrinkage in legacies below the average of the previous ten years.

This has obliged added carefulness with appropriations and in some cases the postponement of new work. In Minnesota, however, it is quite certain that no aid has been refused that ought to have been given, and it is probable that there will be no ultimate loss in the new work deferred.

This last, however, would hardly be true but for the timely assistance of the Congregational Sunday School Society, not only in prospecting but in holding territory that is ready for church work.

The Figures

In the Society's year, which closed March 31, 65 men have ministered in the state, with its commission, to 132 churches and stations, reaching 8,237 people and 5,712 in Sunday Schools. 357 have been added to the membership of the churches; eleven of them have come to self support; seventeen have enjoyed revivals of religion. Five new churches and ten new Sunday Schools have been organized by these missionaries; two churches builded and eleven repaired; two parsonages builded and seven repaired.

The offerings for the year showed an increase of $2,700 over the previous year, and in general there has been manifested a growing responsiveness, with growing knowledge of our own needs and an interest that promises at length to reward careful cultivation.

Much attention has been given to the creation and circula-

tion of literature, and the "following up" processes of successful business houses are being adapted to our work. There seems to be no reasonable doubt that with proper seeding and cultivation the advance in contribution of the last year by the Minnesota churches can be more than sustained.

The Workers

Of the work of the year it is to be said, so far as the superintendent and the other general missionaries are concerned, there has always been more than enough for them to do in the encouragement of churches, securing pastors and salaries, and choosing among the multitudes of openings for new work those of greatest promise. It would be easy enough to set down the thousands of miles traveled and the hundreds of addresses made, but these would give little idea of the service performed. All have been constantly busy and have been in as many places at once as human limitations will allow.

Southern District

In the Southern District, including the Twin Cities, the effort toward self-support has been steadily pressed. In this district there has been an awakening to the work of local evangelization in which Mankato Conference and the First Church in Mankato have taken a leading part. The relation assumed in the name of "fellowship" to the Conference area by the Home Missionary Committee and to the neighborhood by the local church is a most hopeful revival of Congregational ideals and already bears fruit after its kind.

Middle District

In the Middle District extending as far north as Brainerd there has been unusual difficulty in securing pastors. One church, Aitkin, has come to self-support and the newly-opened work at Chokio has made fine progress. But in general the churches of this section that have not attained self-support have hardly held their own. No doubt a competent and permanent ministry would greatly change the situation. But for that the men are needed who find themselves in demand for more congenial fields, and money to aid the work to a greatly increased extent.

Northern District

In the Northern District the churches have been unusually well supplied with ministers and the year has been one of very encouraging growth in almost every field.

Some interesting experiments have been going on in this portion of the field.

The large circuit in the care of Rev. W. J. Conard and the smaller one cared for by Rev. A. Parks reach large areas in missionary endeavor, and so far seem to indicate that with men and means to properly follow up the work they initiate very excellent results would be obtained.

In former years the policy of the Congregational Home

Missionary Society, in marked distinction from other bodies has been to center work about the local church; not to do work itself, but to aid the local church in doing it. Two years ago, at the urgent solicitation of the brethren of the region, this policy was exchanged for that of other missionary bodies who do work themselves. It will not seem unreasonable if at the close of the present year there should be a comparison of results with a view to future policy.

The New North

In the New North out of which the "Rainy River Conference of Churches" may presently come, Rev. T. W. Howard has prosecuted the work wisely and faithfully. The development of water power at International Falls, for which this whole country was waiting, has begun. The present year will witness in this great and attractive region the formation of centers, at which we expect to be, as is fit.

Good Men

I regret more than I can tell the men who with the close of this year remove from the state. We have secured in our aided churches a circle of rarely devoted men. My admiration and love for them has grown with every contact with them. Their consecration and good sense make sure the future of the work that is committed to them. Among the happiest experiences of my life is my fellowship with some of these brethren as they have shown me their zeal for the Lord.

Ministerial Supply

There are several matters of common interest to be brought at this time to your consideration. The problem of ministerial supply is among the most pressing. A study of the lists will show that the Theological Seminaries are doing very little for Minnesota. The reasons of this are perhaps sufficiently evident.

There are two facts that in a measure are peculiar to Minnesota. The first is that the appeal for the ministry is not made in that place where most young men are found—at the University; and that if it were made and the natural response secured there is no provision here,—or indeed anywhere else—for training the men who would respond.

The second fact is that we have the larger share of our new men from other bodies of Christians. These in proportion to their value feel the need of some place where they can get into our proper atmosphere and learn our ways that are in Christ.

Ten years ago there was a movement to provide a school that should meet the needs thus suggested, but the financial crisis brought it to nothing. It would be hard to find a better and more profitable use for a hundred thousand dollars than in starting such a work.

Minnesota Relations to The C. H. M. S.

There seems to be wanting in many quarters a clear understanding of the relations of the Congregational Home Missionary Society to the Minnesota Home Missionary Society and the Minnesota churches. The facts are as follows:

1. The Congregational Home Missionary Society accepts the Minnesota Home Missionary Society as an advisory body to its Executive Committee and its Superintendent in the field.

2. The churches in the state not deeming themselves as yet able to become responsible for their own missionary work, the Congregational Home Missionary Society guarantees that work to a certain amount, and fulfills its guaranty, borrowing money and incurring debt in order to do so.

3. In consideration of this guarantee that a certain amount of work shall be done the churches agree to raise all they can for the work and to turn all they raise into the treasury of the Society.

We are not bound to stay in the compact, but while we accept its advantages, we are in honor bound to perform its obligation.

For over fifty years the fellowship of our brethren of the East with us in the establishment of the institutions of religion in Minnesota has been a gracious and beautiful thing. Upwards of $900,000 has been freely given us. Evidently, without this, the character of our state might have been very different.

Why Minnesota Still Needs the C. H. M. S.

Almost every decade of these years has seen a new development of territory and so a fresh call for missionary effort beyond our ability to meet. And now even we are in the face of larger demands for missionary aid than twenty or thirty years ago.

On the other hand the stream of beneficence from the East is stayed. New England itself has become a missionary field; there are more aided churches in Massachusetts than in Minnesota, and eastern money, in greatly increased measure must go to supply the needs of Eastern work.

Evidently we must prepare ourselves to assume, at no very distant day, responsibility for our own work.

To do that in a spasm of unintelligent enthusiasm which would leave us burdened with a load so unaccustomed as to stagger us, would be poor policy.

To succeed in doing it at the cost of surrendering all share in other missionary work would be to invite spiritual weakness and decay.

Two things are to be insisted upon: 1. The assumption of responsibility for our own missionary work, must be the product not of "politics" but of a spiritual life in our churches, so quickened and enlarged, that out of its new and intelligent consecration, the increase of our giving will be a sure and steady flood. 2. Any movement looking to self-support must take account of the varied ways in which the members of our churches are already pledged to other foundations in the state, and the purpose we have to take some share in the work of the other five Congregational Societies.

We Must Do More For Ourselves

A practical movement, evidently capable of realization is better than an ideal so far away that attempts to approach it only reveal its unattainability. A number of steps will have to be taken from the place where we now are to the place where in the ordering of God's providence we must come.

It seems desirable too that any plan for advance should be clearly positive in asserting what is each one's part and self-registering as to each one's performance of his part.

After thorough consideration of the situation and much conference the following is submitted, not as a counsel of perfection or the statement of an ideal, but as "a workable plan." The one thing our churches know and are most likely to report correctly is the amount used for current expenses. It is proposed to make the current expense report of each church in the Year Book of 1904 the basis of the plan.

A Workable Plan

Most of our churches have a membership of less than 300 and so may be grouped together. Usually where a church has risen above 300 its financial ability is more than proportionally increased with each additional hundred.

It is proposed to churches of less than 300 members that the current expense divided by 10 be accepted as the minimum to be contributed the coming year through the six Congregational Societies.

Surely there is nothing extravagant or fanatical in that: to offer for the varied service of the King, in all the earth beside, one-tenth of what we expend for our own religious enjoyment and spiritual culture.

Reasonable

Let one-third of this one-tenth represent the minimum offering of the church, as a church, apart from the special and sacrifice offerings that have come to be so blessedly sure from the women, for the work of the year in Minnesota. The fairness of the proportion will not be questioned by those who know the need and the opportunity.

The plan is simple. It starts with a known sum: the current expense of the year.

Simple

It asks one-tenth of this as a minimum for all our missionary work. It asks one-third of one-tenth for the work of Mome Missions in Minnesota.

It is suggested that when a church reaches 300 members it should add five per cent to the proportion for all benevolent work and five per cent additional for each additional hundred, still dividing by three for the Home Missionary minimum. That is the plan asks:

Membership less than 300	10	per cent.
Membership 300	15	per cent.
Membership 400	20	per cent.
Membership 500	25	per cent.
Membership 600	30	per cent.
Membership 700	35	per cent.
Membership 800	40	per cent.
Membership 900	45	per cent.

We Are Going To Work It

The practicability of this plan not only appears upon the face of it but it is proving itself capable of realization in the churches.

While it imposes no impossible burden on anybody it gives us certain definite results to work to and the column of the next year book will bear open testimony to the extent to which we have worked it.

This plan will be urged as far as possible this year. Collection envelopes with the place printed upon them may be had on application.

It is hoped and expected that the various Conference Home Missionary Committees will take the matter up and each in its own Conference make the plan a success.

I do not indulge in any figures as to the result. I only assure you that there will be much satisfaction in them.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1.—This Society shall be called "The Minnesota Home Missionary Society."

Art. 2.—The Society shall consist of Congregational and Union Churches in Minnesota, contributing not less than one dollar annually to the treasury of the Congregational Home Missionary Society, who shall be represented in the meetings of this Society by the pastor and one delegate each; and of such other persons as shall be constituted members, by the payment by themselves or others, of twenty-five dollars at one time to the treasury.

Art. 3.—The object of this Society shall be to aid, and co-operate with, the Congregational Home Missionary Society in its work in the State of Minnesota.

Art. 4.—The annual meeting of this Society shall be held in connection with the annual meeting of the General Congregational Association of Minnesota.

Art. 5.—The officers of this Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Board of Directors and an Advisory Committee of three persons from each local conference of churches, all of whom shall be ex-officio members of the Society.

Art. 6.—The officers, whose term of office and manner of election are not otherwise provided for, shall be elected by ballot, and shall serve for three years.

Art. 7.—The Advisory Committee shall consist of three persons from each local Conference of churches in the State, chosen annually by such Conferences. It shall be their duty to advise the Board of Directors concerning applications for aid from churches in their several Conferences, to encourage and assist the aided churches, to attend to the supply of needy fields within their bounds, and to aid in the increase of interest and contributions from the churches. They shall meet annually with the Directors, as hereinafter provided, to make the Schedule for the year.

Art. 8.—The Board of Directors shall consist of seven persons, to be chosen for three years, after the first election, and is to be divided into two classes of two each, and one of three, so that the term of office of one class shall expire each year. They shall choose one of their number as Chairman and another as Secretary, and shall hold meetings, regular and special, at such time and place as they may direct. They shall advise the Executive Committee of the Congregational Home Missionary Society concerning the apportionment of men and money in the State, and shall be advisory and co-operating committee with the Superintendent of Home Missions in the State, both with reference to the prosecution of the work and the raising of funds. They shall invite to the yearly meeting for the provisional apportionment of the amount assigned for work in the State, the Chairmen of the several Conference Committees, and such apportionment shall be recommended as receives a majority vote of this joint meeting.

In case of a vacancy in the Superintendency of the State, it shall be the duty of the Directors to call a special meeting, to which the Chairmen of the Conference Committees shall be invited, for the purpose of nominating to the Congregational Home Missionary Society a suitable person for the office. Any vacancy in the Board or in the Advisory Committee may be filled by the Directors until the next meeting of the Society.

Art. 9.—This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Society, by a two-thirds vote of members present, provided the amendment shall have been proposed at a previous annual meeting or is recommended by the Directors.

CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PUBLISHING SOCIETY.

RURAL EVANGELIZATION.

It is the purpose of this report to give some adequate idea of the volume and quality of the Congregational Missionary Sunday School work done within the bounds of this great commonwealth during the year just passed.

The simplest measure of volume is the measure of figures. Eight men have given the whole or a part of their time to this missionary work the last year. Rev. T. W. Howard, with his fifty-mile parish along the Rainy River, on our northern boundary, has organized and cared for a group of Sunday Schools in those forest solitudes of the far North. Supt. E. H. Stickney of North Dakota has devoted a part of his time to conserving in various ways the Minnesota work which he organized in former years—an invaluable work in the Red River Valley and East.

Rev. A. G. Parks, working west and south of Bemidji, has carried on evangelistic work with Missionary Conard, resulting in our new church at Frontenac, and has also cared for a small group of Sunday School preaching stations, doing heroic work for the Master. Rev. W. J. Conard, whose brilliant work on his 300-mile circuit called forth our admiration last year, has ministered to the new church at New York Mills, continued his preaching points along the International railway and found time for new work along the Itasca railway at Big Fork and elsewhere. Every point in this large circuit has had an amount of ministration surprising to one when he considers that Mr. Conard covers ten fields and those widely scattered. Rev. John Okerstein has pursued his gentle ministry in the Mille Lacs region, in Morrison and Todd counties and in portions of Hubbard county. Besides the organization of new schools, Mr. Okerstein visits scores of our branch schools in that portion of the state. In most of these places he has the spiritual care of a few souls he has led out into the light. Thus there has gradually accumulated on his hands a parish of perhaps 200 men and women, who look to his coming for that comfort and consolation in the Gospel which the early church found when Paul revisited his converts.

The Women's Home Missionary Union may well feel proud of their two workers in these neglected places, for the work of Messrs. Conard and Okerstein is only possible by reason of their generous gifts.

Rev. E. C. Lyons came into the employ of the Society again in the

spring and has devoted himself to the new towns along the "Soo" branch from Glenwood toward Winnipeg. His genial and practical talent has shown itself in preaching stations opened at Forada, Carlos, Otter Tail, Richville, Wild Rice and Dead Lake. With the courteous co-operation of the Superintendent of Home Missions it has been arranged that this important group of railway towns shall have some care during the winter. The expense of this work by Mr. Lyons has been wholly borne by a group of five men—Messrs. Miller of Crookston (our moderator), Andrews and Hampson of Ada, Captain West of Detroit, and Christ. Raiter of Alexandria. This fact should be remembered when in the future the history of these fields is written. Under the wise supervision of Mr. Heermance of the Mankato chrurch, Mr. Baldwin, a student, was partly supported in a summer circuit in Blue Earth county, doing valuable work with new and old communities in that missionary awakening about Mankato. Your superintendent may speak only in figures of his own work. Besides planning, consulting, raising missionary funds and much help rendered the established churches, there was travel to the extent of 17,614 miles, or an average of about 60 miles for each working day; the giving of 157 addresses; the organizing of fourteen schools and the reorganizing of eight others. The statistics of the entire work of the year are found at the close of this report.

So extensive a work as we have outlined is not attempted in any other state, and in Minnesota has been possible only by dividing the expense of four of the workers with the Home Missionary Society.

The building up of this system, covering such large sections of Northern Minnesota, has been due to the Society's conception of its work, as distinct from that of the Home Missionary Society. The Sunday School Society fulfils the obligation upon us as a denomination to do the work of *rural evangelizing*. This besides its work of seizing upon strategetic points in a tentative way, preliminary to their occupation by the Home Missionary Society. Which leads us to the second part of our report—a few words on the quality of the work of the Society.

In an agricultural state like Minnesota it can be expected of the organized church work that it will reach only the larger centers of population, leaving between great sections filled with a rural population.

Here is a distinct field for the conserving work of the small Sunday School with a preaching station if possible. Fifteen years ago the Sunday School Society began activities in rural Minnesota, leading and aiding in the care of these country neighborhoods. The last Year Book gives some measure of the result. Minnesota leads all the other states in the amount of such work. Out of 218 branch schools reported by Minnesota about 180 were in such country neighborhoods. These schools ministered to nearly 6,000 boys and girls, men and women, from the surrounding farm homes. Make all the criticism and discount you may, there yet remains a glorious work for Jesus Christ and the country boys and girls in this great group of rural Sunday Schools under Congregational care in Minnesota. Whatever else may be ignored, here is a field that must be cared for. This is why so large a number of missionary workers find employment in circuits in this

state. In that other fact, fifty Congregational churches in Minnesota grown directly out of the schools planted by our Society—we have a result worthy the labor and money put into this form of missionary activity. But the manifold influence of these fifty church centers is in my opinion not more important to the Kingdom of God than these 200 country Sunday Schools with their weekly service of song and prayer and the preaching and teaching of God's Word. These rills, flowing to the great centers of population, are the hope of our urban redemption.

Is there not in such work something of the quality that was in the ministry of Christ as He went from neighborhood to neighborhood teaching the people?

Shall such a work be sustained and extended? We have the last year come within $33 of reaching that goal of gifts which we set years ago—the two-thousand mark. We gave $1,966.22 from September to September. We received from the Eastern treasury more than an equal amount. With some gift from every church, the grand loyalty of the Sunday Schools on Children's Day, the growing liberality of the Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Union and gifts again from individuals, we may now reach out for the $2,500 which should come from Minnesota this year for this work of rural evangelization.

ROBERT P. HERRICK,
Superintendent for Minnesota.

STATISTICS OF THE WORK OF THE CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIETY IN MINNESOTA FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 1904.

Workers employed a whole or part of the time	9
New schools organized	34
Schools reorganized	11
Schools visited	283
With attendance of	14,120
Meetings attended	519
Money given in Minnesota for this work	$1,966.22
Total salaries and expenses	$4,226.61
Total Mission and branch Sunday Schools	218

THE CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The report of this Society is presented with mingled feelings of thankfulness, disappointment and hope:—thankfulness for the interest which some of the churches have taken in its work, and the good it has been privileged to do; disappointment in that it is so difficult to get from many of the churches any response whatever, and that there has been no gain over the previous year in the Society's income; hope for better things in coming days,—a clearer apprehension of the value of this Society's work, and the place it should have in the heart and will of the church, in the benevolences of the Congregationalists of Minnesota, and greater generosity to its needs.

Last year thirty churches sent contributions to this Society, the largest number in its history, and yet only one-third of the self-supporting churches of the State. This year only twenty churches have contributed,—one-third less than last year.

Last year the thirty churches gave $298.55, an average of $9.95. This year the twenty churches gave $138.57, an average of $6.93.

The receipts of this Society from the churches are less than one-half of what they were last year.

And this is the condition in spite of the fact that special effort has been made to bring this most worthy cause to the attention of pastors and churches; also in spite of the fourth resolution passed by this body, at the previous annual meetings.

This lessening of receipts may be due, in part, to the division of contributions between the National and State Societies, which was recommended by this Association. If only *all* the churches would interest themselves in this work, there would be an increasing income for both societies.

Our Society has had more calls for assistance this past year than before; and some of them have been very urgent calls.

Through the liberality of our churches relief has been afforded to most pressing needs.

Any minister is liable to be stricken down by disease, and to find his occupation gone. This has been the experience of some this past year.

Could you all know the courage and joy which our aid, and our real fellowship through the aid, inspire in many sorrowful hearts, you would be many times repaid for all you have done.

S. V. S. FISHER, Sec'y C. M. R. S.

THE CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

In account with S. V. S. Fisher, Treasurer.

Receipts:

Balance in bank at Annual Meeting, 1903	$363.39
State Association collection, 1903	37.95
Anoka Conference collection, May, 1904	13.10
Central Conference collection	7.35
N. P. Conference collection	6.32
Mankato Conference collection	2.80
Contributions from twenty churches	138.57
From a brother minister, Rev. H. L. Chase	10.00
From a brother pastor, Rev. W. A. Snow	3.00
Paid on a loan	10.00
Rents on property, D. P. Jones & Co	109.36
Interest on deposits	7.90
Total receipts	$709.74
Total disbursements	370.00
Balance	$339.74

Disbursements:

Aid given in six cases	$365.00
Circular letter and postage	5.00
	$370.00
Balance in bank Oct. 1, 1904	$339.74

Above account audited and found correct Oct. 8, 1904.

HARLAN P. ROBERTS, Auditor.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

MINNESOTA WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

President—Miss C. W. Nichols, 230 East Ninth St., St. Paul.

Vice Presidents—Mrs. L. E. Jepson, Minneapolis; Mrs. G. R. Merrill, Minneapolis; Mrs. L. H. Hallock, Minneapolis; Mrs. W. H. Laird, Winona; Mrs. L. B. Van Hoesen, Alexandria.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. J. E. Truesdell, 1910 Dupont Ave. S., Minneapolis.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. W. M. Bristoll, 2828 Chicago Ave., Minneapolis.

Treasurer—Mrs. A. W. Norton, Northfield.

Auditor—Mrs. Horace Goodhue, Northfield.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES.

Young People's Work.—Mrs. W. C. A. Wallar, Little Falls.

Children's Work—Mrs. W. W. Morse, 119 Bedford Ave. S. E., Minneapolis.

Programs and Bureau of Exchange—Mrs. J. V. V. Lewis, Hutchinson.

The thirty-second annual meeting of the Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Union was held in the chapel of Pilgrim Congregational Church, Duluth, Minn., 3 p. m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, 1904. The President, Miss C. W. Nichols, St. Paul, conducted the opening exercises.

The report of the Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. M. Bristoll, Minneapolis, was read and accepted.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. E. Truesdell, Minneapolis, was read and accepted.

The report of Secretary Young People's Work, Mrs. W. C. A. Wallar, Little Falls, was read by Mrs. S. W. Dickinson, St. Paul, and accepted. As the Secretary asked an expression of opinion concerning a plan recently inaugurated by her, voted, that the Union heartily approves the work of the Secretary and will gladly co-operate in every way possible.

Secretary of Children's Work, Mrs. W. W. Morse, Minneapolis, made no report.

The report of Secretary of Programs and Bureau of Exchange, Mrs. J.

V. V. Lewis, Hutchinson, was read by Miss Carrie S. Pond, St. Paul, and was accepted.

A paper prepared by Mrs. M. P. Proctor, Neenah, Wis., "The Ideal Missionary Woman," was read by Mrs. L. H. Hallock, Minneapolis, by which it was shown that the ideal missionary woman would be a composite of the five New Testament women, Lydia, Martha, Mary, Dorcas, and Priscilla.

Mrs. E. R. Shepard, Minneapolis, Chairman of Committee on Nominations, reported the list of officers of the Union for the coming year. The report was accepted and the Recording Secretary instructed to cast the ballot for the officers thus nominated.

Adjourned.

At the hour given the Union on the program of the Association, Mrs. Alexander Milne, Duluth, read a paper on "An Intelligent Appreciation of Missions Essential to the Best Christian Growth;" Mrs. W. J. Conard, Park Rapids, read a paper on "As Seen on the Field," and Rev. Allen Clark, Bemidji, spoke upon "What is Accomplished."

Adjourned.

ROSA O. BRISTOLL,
Recording Secretary.

SUMMARY OF TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR YEAR ENDING SEPT. 23, 1904.

Amounts paid:

C. H. M. S.	$1,801.87
A. M. A.	794.70
C. B. S.	362.70
C. Ed. Soc.	312.20
S. S. and Pub. Soc.	485.09
Rev. A. B. Case	100.00
Dr. Merrill	35.00
Rev. Allen Clark	40.45
Mrs. Mary R. Conard	6.00
Expenses	109.00
Balance	166.30
Total	$4,213.31

Balance Sept. 22, 1903	65.82

Amounts received from all sources:

Anoka Conference	$1,557.11
Central Conference	215.14
Duluth Conference	152.34
Mankato Conference	154.09
Minnesota Valley Conference	85.60
Northern Pacific Conference	157.70
Owatonna Conference	819.90
Western Conference	117.28
Winona Conference	606.40
The Spanish work in Southern California	100.00
From Estate of Samantha W. Galpin	58.00
From Estate of Emily J. Burch	25.00
Special gifts	98.93
Total	$4,213.31

THE MINNESOTA BRANCH

OF THE

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE INTERIOR.

President—Miss Margaret J. Evans, Northfield.
Vice-President—Mrs. C. F. Sawyer, 3116 Humboldt Ave. S., Minneapolis.
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Treasurer—Mrs. H. A. Scriver, 603 East Side Boulevard, Minneapolis.
Auditor—Mrs. William W. Morse, 119 Bedford Ave. S. E., Minneapolis.

A session of this Society was held on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 6, at three o'clock. In absence of the President the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. S. W. Dickinson, presided at the opening of the session, and when called away Miss Cora Nason took her place.

After the devotional exercises conducted by Miss Cora Nason, of Caesarea, Turkey, addresses were made by Miss Etta Moulton of India, Miss Emily S. Hartwell of Foo Chow, China, and Rev. A. N. Hitchcock, Ph. D., of Chicago.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

	YEAR	PLACE	MODERATOR.	PREACHER AND TEXT.
1	56	St. Anthony	Rev. Sherman Hall	Rev. W. R. Stevens; John 1: 4.
2	57	Prescott, Wis.	Rev. L. Armsby	Rev. C. B. Sheldon; II Cor. 4: 7.
3	58	Faribault	Rev. D. Andrews	Rev. Richard Hall; Rev. 11: 15.
4	59	Winona	Rev. C. Secombe	Rev. L. Armsby; Rev. 3: 8.
5	60	St. Paul	Rev. D. Burt	Rev. D. Andrews; Isa. 55: 10, 11.
6	61	Anoka	Rev. O. Thomas	Rev. A. S. Fisk; Phil. 4: 6.
7	62	Northfield	Rev. Chas. Shedd	Rev. Chas. Shedd; II Thes. 2:.18.
8	63	Lake City	Rev. W. R. Stevens	Rev. J. W. Millen; John 17: 20, 21.
9	64	Rochester	Bro. C. M. Goodsell	Rev. C. Seccombe; Prov. 14: 10.
10	65	Minneapolis	Bro. R. G. Lincoln	Rev. D. Burt; Eph. 2: 1.
11	66	Faribault	Bro. W. G. Copp	Rev. A. B. Smith; Matt. 33: 8.
12	67	St. Cloud	Pres. J. W. Strong; D. D.	Rev. E. J. Hart; Luke 19: 11, 27.
13	68	Austin	Bro. W. S. Furber	Rev. A. Fuller; Job. 40: 3: 42: 5, 27.
14	69	Owatonna	Bro. J. L. Noyes	Rev. E. Gale; John 4: 22, 12.
15	70	Northfield	Bro. R. J. Baldwin	Rev. W. B. Dana; Mark 4: 28.
16	71	St. Anthony	Pres. J. W. Strong, D. D.	Rev. C. C. Salter, D. D. Isa. 40.3.
17	72	Lake City	Rev. E. H. Barteau	Rev. E. M. Williams, D. D. Rom. 1: 16.
18	73	St. Paul	Bro. H. W. Page	Rev. H. M. Tenney, D. D.; Phil. 2: 15.
19	74	Winona	Rev. H. A. Stimson, D. D.	Rev. C. M. Terry; I Cor. 6: 9, 17.
20	75	Minneapolis	Rev. L. H. Cobb, D. D.	Rev. J. W. Ray; Rom. 1: 16.
21	76	Austin	Rev. E. M. Williams, D. D.	Rev. George A. Wood; Eph. 3:.8.
22	77	Faribault	Rev. David Burt	Rev. C. W. Merrill; IITim. 4: 2.
23	78	Mankato	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D. D.	Rev. J. H. Morley; Matt. 16: 19, 16.
24	79	Minneapolis	Hon. A. H. Young	Rev. D. L. Leonard,. D. D.; Heb. 11: 1.
25	80	Northfield	Rev. L. W. Cheney	Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, D. D.; Matt. 23: 8, 10.
26	81	Rochester	Rev. Geo. A. Hood	Rev. C. E. Wright, D. D.; Matt. 11: 4.
27	82	St. Paul	Bro. H. W. Page	Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D.D.; Matt. 16:14, 15.
28	83	Lake City	Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, D.D	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D.; Isa. 50: 4.
29	84	St. Cloud	Rev. M. W. Montgomery	Prof. A. H. Pearson; Phil. 1: 21.
30	85	Winona	Rev. M. McG.Dana, D. D.	Rev. H. C. Hovey, D. D.; Jer. 32:8.
31	86	Minneapolis	Rev. C. W. Merrill	Rev. John H. Crum, D. D.; I Tim. 1: 19.
32	87	Fergus Falls	Prof. Geo. Huntington	Rev. M. W. Montgomery; Isa. 21:6; I Cor.2:2
33	88	Owatonna	Rev. C. E. Wright, D. D.	Rev. J. W. Hargrave; II Tim. 2: 15.
34	89	St. Paul	Rev. S. V. S. Fisher	Rev. I. L Cory; Luke 12: 33.
35	90	Northfield	Rev. G. R. Merrill, D. D.	Rev. E. M. Noyes; Matt. 5: 13.
36	91	Duluth	Rev. H. W. Gleason	Rev. A. H. Heath, D. D.; Rom. 1: 15.
37	92	Minneapolis	Rev. J. F. Taintor	Rev. J. A. Chamberlain; John 14: 12.
38	93	St. Paul	Rev. Smith Baker. D. D.	Rev. L. L. West, D. D.; Mark 13: 37.
39	94	Austin	Bro. C. W. Hackett	Rev. J. E. McConnel; I Chron. 12: 32.
40	95	Alexandria	Hon. D. C. Bell	Rev. S. G. Smith, D. D.; Matt. 6: 11.
41	96	Faribault	Rev. G. E. Soper	Rev. T. Merrill Edmands; Phil. 1: 9.
42	97	Montevideo	Dean Horace Goodhue	Rev. John A. Stemen; Luke 24: 36.
43	98	Owatonna	Rev. R. S. Cross	Rev. J. W. Todd; Rom. 8: 19.
44	99	Rochester	Hon. Lyndon A. Smith	Rev. S. J. Rogers; I Cor. 10: 21.
45	00	Northfield	Rev. L. L. West, D. D.	Rev. J. F. Taintor; Rev. 19: 10.
46	01	Minneapolis	Hon. D. P. Jones	Rev. Wm. H. Medlar;Isa.49:9,and Num.23:23.
47	02	Fergus Falls	Rev. Alexander Milne	Rev. Herman P. Fisher, Acts 13: 2.
48	03	St. Paul	Rev. S. G. Smith, D. D.	Rev. Henry Holmes; Luke 24: 40.
49	04	Duluth	Hon. A. A. Miller	Rev. L. H. Hallock, D. D.; 2 Cor. 4:18.

RECORDING SECRETARIES.

Rev. C. B. Sheldon.....1859—1861.
Rev. A. K. Packard.....1862—1864.
Rev. J. F. Dudley.....1866—1867.
Rev. L. S. Griggs.....1868—1869.
Rev. H. A. Stimson, D D.....1870—1872.
Rev. H. Bumsted.....1873—1874
Rev. C. A. Hampton.....1875—1876
Bro. Wm. Cheney.....1877—1878
Rev. Geo. A. Hood.....1879—1881
Rev. W. A. James.....1882—1883

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Rev. N. C. Chapin.....1873—1877
Rev. L. W. Chaney.....1878—1883

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Secretary: Rev. S. W. Dickinson.....1889—1901.
" Rev. Samuel J. Rogers.....1901.

THE CONFERENCES.

I. ANOKA CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Fifth Avenue, Minneapolis, May 16, 1905.
REGISTRAR: Rev. Samuel J. Rogers, Minneapolis.
HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. W. A. Snow, Rev. E. S. Pressey, and J. M. Boxell.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Anoka	119	Edwin Ewell	E. E. Cural
Brownton	25	James Earl	J. P. West
Cottage Grove	71	W. G. Carlson	J. P. Furber.
Elk River	114	A. E. Cutler	Mrs. F. Nickerson.
Excelsior	163	Carl J. Swain	Miss Ella M. Stratton.
Fair Oaks, **Tuthill**	10		Mrs. F. A. Blanchard.
Gaylord	37	Henry B. Beard	Miss Lydia A. Straebel.
Glencoe	137	Lucien V. Schermerhorn	L. W. Gilbert.
Groveland, **Excelsior**	13	W. A. Black	Mrs. Ida C. Waters.
Hutchinson	133	E. L. Brooks	Miss Jennie Michka.
Lakeland	25	W. G. Carlson	Mrs. S. E. Sanderson.
Minneapolis, First	610	Ernest W. Shurtleff	Joseph E. Ware.
" Plymouth	886	Leavitt H. Hallock	E. A. Strong.
" Park Avenue	539	George S. Rollins	William M. Bristol.
" Pilgrim	500	Frederick A. Sumner	E. C. Scarborough.
" Vine	126	John S. Rood	John R. Williams.
" Como Avenue	115	Jay M. Hulbert	George M. Furber.
" Union, **St. L. Park**	60	George F. Swinnerton	Mrs. S. F. Hamilton.
" Open Door	153	Wm. A. Gerrie	Mrs. J. A. Donaldson.
" Lyndale	475	Charles E. Burton	F. L. Frary.
" Fremont Avenue	178	Charles A. Hilton	J. A. Stretch.
" Fifth Avenue	250	James E. Smith	A. M. Burch.
" Mizpah, **Hopkins**	42	Frank H. Richardson	Mrs. Esther Gould.
" Bethany	98	Maurice B. Morris	Mrs. B. A. Eaton.
" Robbinsdale	83	Donald G. Colp	Chas. W. Hays.
" Lowry Hill	257	Henry Holmes	Daniel P. King.
" First Scandinavian	36		O. Strand.
" Oak Park	105	Walter A. Snow	Mrs. A. H. Cheese.
" Forest Heights	150		T. A. Kenning.
" Temple, Swedish	79	Alfred P. Engstrom	Alex. Loffgren.
" Thirty-Eighth St	62		Eli Butterworth.
" Edina Mills	25	Geo. F. Swinnerton	Mrs. Elizabeth Dochea.
" Linden Hills	94	Chas. H. Maxwell	Dr. E. F. Hertz.
New Brighton	11	Wm. A. Gerrie	Mrs. Frank S. Gregson.
North Branch	30	Jas. W. Danford	J. G. Ryder.
Princeton	57	John R. Henderson	Geo. F. Wright.
St. Paul, Plymouth	230	C. C. Campbell	Warren Upham.
" Pacific	229	William J. Gray	John M. Boxell.
" Atlantic	96	Matt Evans	Geo. D. Hammond.
" Park	357	Alexander McGregor	Henry E. Smith.
" St. Anthony	224	Edwin S. Pressey	Henry L. Hunter.
" Bethany	109	David T. Jenkins	E. J. Souther.
" Olivet, **Merriam Park**	145	John H. Sammis	Herbert E. Miller.
" South Park	79		Stephen D. Curry.
" Peoples	534	Samuel G. Smith	Ira Oehler.
" University Avenue	38	Alexander D. Smith	Fred. I. Winge.
" Hazel Park, (Peoples)	18		R. F. Hiller.
" Peoples (German)	60	Cornelius Richert	G. A. Rinker.
Sandstone, (Swedish)	35	Emil A. Anderson	Yahn Gjertsen.
Silver Lake (Bohemian)	95	Vaclav Prucha	Frank Totusek.
Spencer Brook	61	C. F. Olson	Andrew Dundee.
Stewart	28	James Earl	Frank Sugden.
Stillwater	105	John W. Dickson	Miss Edna Parsons.
Sunrise	8	Jas. W. Danford	Mrs. C. Spivak.
Wayzata	51	W. A. Black	J. M. Davies.

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II. CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Glenwood, June 20,1905.

REGISTRAR: George L. Treat. Alexandria,

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. J. Buswell, Rev. W. E. Griffith, and Rev. W. C. A. Waller.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Alexandria	232	William J. Paske	George L. Treat.
Big Lake (Union)	34		Albert J. Johnson.
Burtrum	14	Eli C. Lyons	Miss Ida R. Burch.
Cable, Clear Lake	33		Mrs. M. J. Ayers.
Clarissa	11	(J. L. Hanna)	Mrs. M. A. Thayer.
Clearwater	57	C. M. Stevens	Miss Grace Whiting.
Foreston	6	Nels J. Bolin	John Lindman.
Glenwood	92	Jesse Buswell	Mrs. J. Crozier.
Grey Eagle	23	Eli C. Lyons	Mrs. Ora Hill.
Hasty	33	C. M. Stevens	Mrs. Sarah Sheldon.
Little Falls	214	Wm. C. A. Waller	Mrs. O. C. Trace.
Monticello	70	William E. Griffith	Mrs. Ada F. Bertram.
Orrock (Union)	5		Miss Grace Craig.
Paynesville	102	William H. Owen	L. M. Bennett.
Pillsbury	11		E. D. Smith.
Round Prairie	63	J. Frank Locke	Mrs. Ella Pentz.
St. Cloud			
St. Cloud and Sauk Rapids Swedish	50	Ernst V. Bjorklund	John Erickson.
Sauk Centre	158	F. H. Oehler	James A. Norris.
Sauk Rapids	34		James Bunn.
Starbuck	18		Mrs. S. J. Rasmussen.
Swanville	18	Eli C. Lyons	Mrs. Belle Flood.
Union Lake (Hudson)	15		Fred Mead.
Upsaia (Swedish)	111	Anton Olson	Gust Nelson,
Villard	25		L. F. McKenzie.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.—David Donovan, William H. Medlar, George F. Morton, Edward N. Ruddock, Robert G. Moore, Carl J. Swain.

III. DULUTH CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: West Duluth, May 23, 1905.

REGISTRAR: Rev. Alexander Milne, Duluth.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. Alexander Milne, Rev. Richard Brown, Rev. George Michael.

CHURCHES.	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS.	CHURCH CLERKS.
Aitkin	39		Adam Gray.
Biwabik	18	E. A. Mirick	Charles W. Bray.
Brainard, First	104	Richard Brown	Dr. H. W. Isham.
" Peoples	51	Richard Brown	Mrs. R. K. Clark.
Duluth, Pilgrim	393	Alexander Milne	John McLean Oldham.
" West Plymouth	50	Harry W. Johnson	R. M. Weaver.
Walker	22	George Michael	Rev. Geo. Michael.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:—Allen Clark, Jeremiah Kimball, W. G. Marts.

IV. MANKATO CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Worthington, May 16, 1905.

REGISTRAR: Rev. William B. Hubbard, Sherburn.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. Edgar L. Heermance, Mankato. Rev. Chas. H. McIntosh, Worthington, J. E. Robinson, Fairmont.

CHURCHES.	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS.	CHURCH CLERKS.
Belgrade, Mankato	63		Mrs. Cora Wright.
Center Chain	27	Richard Watt	J. V. Livingston.
Ceylon	42	Richard Watt	Miss Emma Andrews.
Edgerton	65	A. S. Willoughby	Mrs. L. A. Gulick.
Ellsworth	29		Miss Nettie Shurr.
Fairmont	172	Hobart K. Painter	Mrs. A. H. Smith
Freeborn	65	Wilbur Fisk	Mrs. Abby Olson.
Freedom, Cream	28	Wilbur Fisk	Samuel O. Garlick.
Granada	44		Mrs. S. Cooper.
Kasota (Swedish)	36	Carl.G. Anderson, Sw Mis.	A. Dahlgren.
Mankato, First	151	Edgar L. Heermance	Mrs. Thomas Hughes.
" Second	58	Carl.G. Anderson, Sw.Mis.	Claus Swenson.
Mapleton	50	Geo. E. Brown	Geo. A. Clark.
New Richland	56	Wilbur Fisk	J. Frank Hunt.
Salem, Cambria	60	Thomas Griffith	Henry J. Hughes.
Sherburn	78	W. B. Hubbard	Geo. A. Sutherland.
Waseca	126	John Lloyd	F. W. Roth.
Worthington	156	Charles H. McIntosh	Dr. Geo. O. Moore.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:—Elijah Carter, Harry W. Johnson, Andrew P. Nelson, Rufus P. Upton.

V. MINNESOTA VALLEY CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Granite Falls, May 23, 1905.

REGISTRAR: D. T. Wheaton, Morris,

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. F. L. V. Meske, Rev. Wm. J. Brown, and Rev. S. Heath.

CHURCHES.	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS.	CHURCH CLERKS.
Appleton	64	Alonzo G. Washington	Mrs. Mary Webster.
Belview	40	Geo. R. Searles	Miss Cora Adsit
Benson	94	S. Heath.	Mrs. W. A. Foland.
Campbell	23		Mrs. Carrie Meachler.
Chokio	14	P. G. Viehe	
Correll	12	Alonzo G. Washington	Mrs. K. P. Uye
Dawson	84	Rowland S. Cross	Miss Lottie C. Grow.
Graceville	65	Henry W. Mote	Mrs. Anna S. Bailey.
Granite Falls	45	Henry C. Todd	Miss Carrie D. Barnes.
Hancock	88	John T. Killen	Mrs. Frank Angier.
Lake Emily, Hancock		John T. Killen	Mrs. J. Councilman.
Madison	60	Jacob K. Shultz	Dr. J. W. Smith.
Marietta	18	R. A. Cunningham	Mrs. A. C. Miller.
Montevideo	90	Wm. J. Brown	Frank H. Evans.
Morris	88		D. T. Wheaton.
Nassua	11	R. A. Cunningham	H. S. Bragg.
Ortonville	104	Fred L. V. Meske	Samuel Chapman.
Seaforth	14	Geo. R. Searles	D. H. Patchin.
Tintah	21		Mrs. H. S. Nucholls.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS: Clement M. G. Harwood, Eli C. Lyons, Otis A. Starr.

VI. NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Crookston, June 20, 1905.

REGISTRAR: C. R. Andrews, Ada.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: A. A. Miller, Crookston; George E. Perley, Moorhead; Rev. H. W. Stiles, Ada.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS.
Ada	64	H. William Stiles	Fred L. Hampson.
Akeley	44	L. D. Arnold	Lewis D. Arnold.
Audubon	17	J. Chester Whalen, student	Mrs. M. E. Cravath.
Bertha	28	(J. L. Hanna)	L. P. Leech.
Bagley	24	Charles F. Blomquist	P. R. Day.
Barnesville	82	J. Woodruff	Albert Neukom.
Cass Lake	29	A. C. Woodcock	A. C. Woodcock.
Crookston	68	Edwin S. Shaw	Wm. L. Vannet.
Detroit	91	Carl H. Corwin	Miss Bessie L. Furber.
Dorsett			Mrs. Henry Parks.
Felton	8	(H. Juell, Student)	Miss Florence Fuller.
Fergus Falls	113	John W. Todd	Peter Winsor.
Fertile	35	John Peters	G. J. Demares.
Fosston	20	W. T. McLeod	D. H. Pisk.
Glyndon	56		H. L. Webb.
Hawley, (Union)	87	Charles A. Mack	Adnah Colburn.
Kragness	17	T. Henry Lewis	Gustave K. Gunderson.

NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE—Continued.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Lake Park	34	J. C. Whalen(Student)	Mrs. Isabel E. Higley.
Lake View, Detroit			
Maple Bay	3		Mrs. L. A. Hunter.
McIntosh	15	J. J. Hales	Mrs. Maggie Drew.
Mentor	4	J. J. Hales	Miss M. M. Snedeker.
Moorhead	95	Geo. A. Traut	Fred Stalley.
New York Mills	9	W. G. Conard	Mrs. Jessie Miller.
Park Rapids	76		Miss Cora A. Wetter.
Pelican Rapids	56	H. J. Taylor	Mrs. O. M. Carr.
Perham	20		Mrs. U. S. G. Henry.
Shevlin	18	A. G. Parks	
Staples	81	T. W. Spanswick	Arthur B. Church.
Verndale	15		Miss Clara McMillan.
Wadena	132	Wm. A. Bockoven	John Liddell.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:—Richard H. Battey, O. P. Champlin, Samuel E. Fish, Herman P. Fisher, Lewis C. Frost, R. W. Harlow, John L. Martin, David W. Morgan, Oscar M. Smith, Frederick H. Oehler, Frank N. Smith, John W. Dickson, H. O. Hammond,

VII. OWATONNA CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Spring Valley, May ,9 1905.

REGISTRAR: Rev. Everett Lesher, Spring Valley.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. J. H. Albert, Faribault; Rev. James Oakey, Grand Meadow; Rev. James Parsons, Owatonna.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Austin	361		Charles J. Sargent.
Cannon City, Dean			
Cannon Falls	101	Josiah L. Keene	Mrs. Mary C. Clifford.
Cannon Falls Swedish	28	Nels J. Lundquist Swd Mis.	John Wolander.
Claremont	23		Mrs. J. A. Dodge.
Dexter	29		Mrs. Jennie Shurman.
Dodge Centre	85	Horace S. Wiley	Mrs. Helen L. Larson.
Faribault	419	John H. Albert	J. J. Dow.
Grand Meadow	43	James Oakey	John De Young.
Hamilton			
Lyle	21		L. A. Sherman.
Mantorville	174	R. J. Kellogg	Mrs. James McLaughlin.
Medford	75	Paul Winter	Daniel A. McKinley.
Morristown	60		Mrs. E. L. Peterson.
Northfield	581	James E. McConnell	Miss Agnes B. Page.
Owatonna	280	James Parsons	J. A. Sawyer.
Rose Creek	18		Adaline Nelson.
Spring Valley	219	Everett Lesher	W. L. Kellogg.
Taopi	13		Wilbur F. Davis.
Waterville	28		Mrs. J. Berrigan.
Welch			A. Black.

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VIII. WESTERN CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Tyler, June 13, 1905.

REGISTRAR: John H. Hjetland, Tyler.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. J. W. Vallentyne, Rev. M. S. Hartwell, Rev. C. A,Ruddock.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Cornish	24	E. Grimshaw	George Dunwell.
Custer	11		R. Price.
Garvin	31		W. W. Jones
Lake Benton	33		
Lake Stacy, Arco	28		Mrs. Carrie Rhodes.
Lamberton	49	C. A. Ruddock	A. A. McLellan.
Marshall	113	J. W. Vallentyne	Julius W. Humphrey.
New Ulm	48	D. O Bean	Hermann Held.
Selma, Comfrey	22		F. D. Dewey.
Sleepy Eye	85	M. S. Hartwell	Isaac Gallagher.
Springfield	29		Mrs. M. P. Rowe.
Tyler	29	John H. Hjetland	A. J. Cox.
Walnut Grove	33	C. H. Moxie	Mrs. Winifred Garlock.
Winthrop	48	E. Grimshaw	Mrs. A. A. N. Huebner.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.—Enoch E. Rogers, Albert Warren.

IX. WINONA CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: St. Charles, May 16, 1905.

REGISTRAR: Rev. W. A. Warren, Lake City.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. W. B. Pinkerton, Wabasha, Rev. Percy E. Thomas, Winona; Rev. Chas. H. Curtis, Rochester.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Lake City	233	Willis A. Warren	Mrs. C. E. Dutcher.
Lake City Swedish	57	John R. Haggblom	Oscar Asklund.
Mazeppa	26		Mrs. J. W. Kingsley.
Plainview	130	Allison D. Adams	J. W. Burnham.
Rochester	156	Charles H. Curtis	J. W. Soule.
St. Charles	89	S. T. Beattie	A. F. Kuebler.
Stewartville	134	John V. Plunkett	F. C. Thomas.
Wabasha	162	Wm. B. Pinkerton	Dr. C. H. Robinson.
Winona, First	386	Percy E. Thomas	Geo. J. Hillyer.
Winona, Second	65	E. Winthrop Jenney	Lewis Lawrence.
Wnona, Scandinavian	34	Severt M. Andrewson	John A. Loken.
Wiscoy, Witoka			Miss Rilla Thomas.
Zumbro Falls	24		Mrs. A. G. Scholer.
Zumbrota	104	F. G. Wilcox	Bond Olson.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.—Hans F Josephson, E. A. Anderson.

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CHURCHES	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Bachus	Allen Clark	
Carlos		Mrs. H. Shackel.
Climax		
Culdrum, Flensburg	Samuel Peterson	J. A. Rylander.
Elmdale		John Soltis.
Franconia		
Prontenac	A. G. Parks	
Lake Itasca	Allen Clark	Mrs. M. Heintzelman.
Milaca	David P. Olin	E. L. Kingsbury.
Minnehaha, Minneapolis	L. A. Salstrom	J. S. Swain
Sacred Heart	Henry C. Todd	Lena Winje.
Solway	A. G. Parks	
Swanville, (Swedish)		
Turtle River	Benjamin Iorns	Cassius M. Booth.
Twin Valley	H. S. Harris	
Ulen	Hans C. Juell, (Student)	Mrs. Lewis Lofgren.
Westbrook		

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS.

R. A. Cunningham, ordained at Marietta Nov. 30, 1903.

Percy E. Thomas, ordained at Winona, Dec. 8, 1903.

David P. Olin, ordained at Milaca, Dec. 9, 1903.

W. T. MacLeod, ordained at Fosston April 13, 1904.

Alden H. Clark, ordained at Minneapolis May 25, 1904, as missionary pastor in India for Plymouth Church of Minneapolis.

Harold Hunting, ordained as assistant pastor of Plymouth Church, Minneapolis, Nov. 15, 1904.

Rev. Charles A. Hilton, installed pastor of Fremont Avenue Church, Minneapolis, Feb. 10, 1904.

Rev. Matt Evans, installed pastor of Atlantic Church, St. Paul, April, 1904.

Rev. George A. Traut, installed at Moorhead May 20, 1904.

NECROLOGY.

Rev. John Henry Brooks Smith, pastor of South St. Paul and Bethany Congregational Churches, died in Chicago, July 11, 1904.

He was born in Sheffield, England, March 20, 1858; educated at the Harley College and Theological Seminary of London, and ordained in London in 1883.

He served as missionary in South Africa for two years and from 1887 to 1896 was pastor of the churches in Jetmore, Overbrook and Pittsburg in Kansas.

Since coming to this state in 1896 he has been pastor of Congregational churches in Wadena, Duluth and St. Paul. He is survived by his wife, Rev. Esther Smith, and two children.

An earnest, consecrated worker in the early days of a blessed ministry, is suddenly stricken and taken from us. He was greatly loved in his work in our churches and highly esteemed by the pastors who knew him. We shall miss him, but we rejoice that he has done much in the few years of his ministry to make the world better.

MINISTERIAL RECORD.

Adams, Allison D.....Plainview.
Albert, John H.....Faribault.
Anderson, Carl G.....Mankato.
Anderson, Emil A.....Sandstone.
Andrewson, Severt M.....Winona.
Arnold, L. D.....Akeley.

Barnes, Albert E.....Minneapolis.
Battey, George J.....Garvin.
Battey, Richard H.....Minneapolis.
*Bean, D. O.....New Ulm.
Beard, Henry B.....Minneapolis.
Beattie, S. T.....St. Charles.
Betts, Eben M.....New York, N. Y.
Bjuge, Carl B.....Chicago.
*Black, W. A.....Wayzata.
Blackwell, William .....Colville, Wash.
Bloomquist, Charles F.....Bagley.
Bockoven, William A.....Wadena.
Bolin, Nels J.....Foreston.
Brooks, Edward L.....Hutchinson.
Brown, George E.....Mapleton.
*Brown, Richard .....Brainerd.
Brown, William J.....Montevideo.
Burton, Charles E.....Minneapolis.
Buswell, Jesse .....Glenwood.

*Campbell, C. C.....St. Paul.
Carlson, W. G.....Cottage Grove.
Carter, Elijah .....Edgerton.
Champlin, O. P.....Fargo, N. D.
*Clark, Alden H.....Vadala, India.
Chase, Henry L.....Clifton Springs, N. Y.
Clark, Allen .....Lake Itasca.
Colp, Daniel G.....Robbinsdale.
Conard, William J.....Park Rapids.
Corwin, C. H.....Detroit.
Cram, Delbert W.....Valdez, Alaska.

Crawford, C. H.....Minneapolis.
Cross, Roland S.....Dawson.
Cunningham, R. A.....Nassau.
Curtis, Charles H.....Rochester.
*Cutler, A. E.....Elk River.

Danford, James W.....North Branch.
Darling, Marion .....Walkerton, Ind.
Dascomb, Arthur S.....Austin.
Dickinson, S. W., Field Sec. A. B. S...St. Paul.
Dickson, J. W.....Stillwater.
Donovan, David .....Dundas.

Earl, James .....Minneapolis.
Engstrom, Alfred P.....Minneapolis.
Evans, Matt. .....St. Paul.
*Ewell, Edwin .....Anoka.

Fellows, Charles B.....Minneapolis.
Fish, Samuel E.....Moorhead.
Fisher, Herman P.....Crookston.
Fisher, Samuel V. S.....Minneapolis.
Fisk, Wilbur .....Freeborn.
Frost, Lewis C.....Farwell, Mich.
Fuller, Americus .....Aintab, Turkey.

Gerrie, William A.....Minneapolis.
Gleason, Herbert W.....Boston, Mass.
Gray, William J.....St. Paul.
Griffith, Thomas L.....Cambria.
Griffith, William E.....Monticello.
*Grimshaw, E. .....Winthrop.
Gulick, Theodore W.....Minneapolis.

Haggblom, John R.....Lake City.
Hales, J. J.....McIntosh.
Hall, Richard .....St. Paul.
Hammond, H. O.....Minneapolis.
Hanna, J. L (Lic.) .....Bertha.
Hallock, Leavitt H.....Minneapolis.
Harlow, Reuben .....Park Rapids.
Hartwell, M. S.....Sleepy Eye.
*Harris, H. S.....Twin Valley.
Harwood, Clement M. G.....Blue Hill, Me.
Heath, S. .....Benson.
Heermance, Edgar L.....Mankato.

*Henderson, John R.....Princeton.
Herrick, Robert P.....Minneapolis.
Hilton, Charles A.....Minneapolis.
Hindley, George .....Elk River.
Hjetland, John H.....Tyler.
Holmes, Henry .....Minneapolis.
*Howard, T. W.....Stratton Sta. Ontario.
Hubbard, William B.....Sherburn
Hulbert, J. M.....Minneapolis.
Hunting, Harold .....Minneapolis.
Huntington, George .....Northfield.
Huntington, John C.....Dallas, Tex.

Iorns, Benjamin .....Turtle River.

Jenkins, William M.....Minneapolis.
*Jenkins, David T.....St. Paul.
Jenney, E. Winthrop .....Winona.
Johnson, Harry W.....West Duluth.
Josephson, Hans F.....Winona.
Juell, Hans C. (Student).....Ulen.

Keene, Josiah L.....Cannon Falls.
Kellogg, P. J.....Mantorville.
Kimball, Jeremiah .....Duluth.
Killen, John F.....Hancock.

Lesher, Everett .....Spring Valley.
*Lewis, T. Henry .....Fargo, N. D.
Lloyd, John .....Waseca.
Loeke, J. Frank .....Long Prairie.
Lohr, Geo. E
Lundquist, Nels J. (Sw. Mission).....Cannon Falls.
Lyons, Eli C.....Minneapolis.
Lyman, E. W.....Montreal, Canada

Mack, Charles A.....Hawley.
Magnus, Daniel H.....Minneapolis.
Martin, John L.....Edgerton.
Marts, W. G.....East Aurora, N. Y.
MacLeod, W. T.....Fosston.
Maxwell, Chas. H.....Minneapolis.
McConnell, James E.....Northfield.
McGregor, Alexander .....St. Paul.
McIntosh, Chas. H.....Worthington.
Medlar, William H.....York, Neb.

Metcalf, Paul H.,..... ..... St. Paul.
Meske, Fred L. V..... Ortonville.
Michael, George ..... Walker.
Milne, Alexander ..... Duluth.
Moore, Robert G..... Chicago.
Mirick, E. A..... Biwabik.
Morgan, David W..... Stratham, N. H.
Mote, Henry W..... Graceville.
Morris, Maurice B..... Minneapolis.
Morrison, George M..... Redondo Beach, Cal.
Morton, Geo. F.....
Moxie, Charles H..... Walnut Grove.

Nelson, Andrew P..... St. Peter.
Nott, Jairus L..... Minneapolis.

Oakey, James ..... Grand Meadow.
Oehler, Frederick H..... Sauk Centre.
Oehler, William ..... Ortonville.
Okerstein, John F..... Minneapolis.
*Olin, David P..... Milaca.
Olson, Anton ..... Upsala.
Olson, C. F..... Oxlip.
Owen, William H..... New Paynesville.

Painter, Hobart K..... Fairmont.
Parks, A. G..... Leonard.
Parsons, Henry W..... Minneapolis.
Parsons, James ..... Owatonna.
Paske, William J..... Alexandria.
*Peterson, Karl E..... Sauk Rapids.
*Peterson, Samuel ..... Flensburg.
Pearson, Arthur H..... Oberlin, Ohio.
Peters, John ..... Fertile.
Pressey, Edwin S..... St. Anthony Park.
Plunkett, John V..... Stewartville.
Prucha, Vaclav ..... Silver Lake.

Reitinger, Philip ..... Cleveland, Ohio.
Richardson, Frank H..... Hopkins.
Richert, Cornelius ..... St. Paul.
Risser, Henry A..... Winona.
Roe, Alvah D..... Minneapolis.
Rogers, Enoch E..... Excelsior.
Rogers, Samuel J..... Minneapolis.
Ruddock, Charles A..... Lamberton.

Ruddock, Edwin N.....Glenwood.
Rood, John S.....Minneapolis.

*Salstrom, L. A.....Minneapolis.
Sammis, John H.....Merriam Park.
Sather, Bernhard B.....Winona.
*Schermerhorn, Lucien V.....Glencoe.
Searles, W. R.....Belview.
*Shaw, Edwin S.....Crookston.
Shultz, Jacob K.....Madison.
Shurtleff, Ernest W.....Minneapolis.
Smith, Alexander .....St. Paul.
Smith, Esther .....St. Paul.
Smith, George Ernest .....Madison, Wis.
Smith, Frank N.....Tekoa, Wash.
Smith, James E.....Minneapolis.
Smith, Oscar M.....Java, N. Y.
Smith, Samuel G.....St. Paul.
Snow, Walter A.....Minneapolis.
*Spanswick, T. W.....Staples.
Starr, Otis A.....Excelsior.
*Stevens, C. M.....Clearwater.
Stiles, Hubert W.....Ada.
Strong, James W.....Northfield.
Stutson, Henry H.....Biwabik.
Sumner, Frederick A.....Minneapolis.
Swain, Carl J.....Excelsior.
Swinnerton, George F.....St. Louis Park.

Taylor, H. J.....Pelican Rapids.
Tebbets, Arthur H.....Minneapolis.
Todd, John W.....Fergus Falls.
Todd, Henry C.....Granite Falls.
Traut, George A.....Moorhead.
Treha, Charles J.....St. Paul.
Trussell, William F.....Champlin.
Turner, Tell A.....Chillicothe, Ohio.
Thomas, Percy E.....Winona.

Upton, Rufus P.....Grand Rapids, Mich.

Vrooman, W. A.....Portage La Prairie, Manitoba.
Vallentyne, James W.....Marshall.
Viehe, Paul G.....Chokio.

Wallar, William C. A.....Little Falls.
Warren, Albert .....Lake Benton.
Warren, Willis A.....Lake City.
Watt, Richard .....Ceylon.
Webber, Edwin E.....Galva, Iowa.
Whalen, J. C. (Student).....Audubon.
Wilson, Daniel E.....Minneapolis.
Willoughby, Albert S.....Edgerton.
Winter, Paul .....Medford.
Wilkinson, Wm. A.....Minneapolis
Wilcox, Charles E.....Northfield.
*Wilcox, F. G.....Zumbrota.
Wilson, Sherman B.....Faribault.
Wright, Cassius E.....Washington, D. C.
Wingate, Henry K.....Cesarea, Turkey.
Wiley, Horace S.....Dodge Centre.
Woodcock, A. C.....Cass Lake.
*Woodruff, William L.....Barnesville.

N. B.—Names in foregoing list that are starred (*) are ministers who are not members of any of the conferences in Minnesota.

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SPECIAL NOTICES!

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REMEMBER!

SCHEDULES FOR THE YEAR BOOK.

These will be sent to Pastors or Clerks about Dec. 20. If not received before Dec. 25, notify the Secretary. Be careful to answer every question. It will help the Secretary much if these reports are sent in before Jan. 20, 1906.

Any corrections for the Year Book should be sent early to the Secretary.

The next meeting will be held with the First and Plymouth churches of Minneapolis. The Jubilee services will be held in the First church, where the Association was organized, October, 1856.

Every Congregational Minister should receive at least one copy of the Minutes. The Secretary assumes that the ministers will read as far as the fourth page, in order to know about their work on Committees for the coming year.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR SESSION OF 1905.

MODERATOR.

DEAN W. S. PATTEE.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR.

REV. FREDERICK H. OEHLER.

SCRIBE.

REV. JAMES W. VALLENTYNE.

ASSISTANT SCRIBE.

REV. WM. J. BROWN.

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REV. SAMUEL J. ROGERS.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE.

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W. S. WOODBRIDGE,
CALVIN DECKER.

OFFICERS FOR 1906.

Moderator, Dean W. S. Pattee.
Assistant Moderator, Rev. Henry Holmes.
Scribe, Rev. William J. Brown.
Preacher, Rev. James W. Strong.

COMMITTEES AND DELEGATES

FOR 1905-1906.

BUSINESS.—Rev. Alexander McGregor, Calvin Decker, and Rev. J. H. Albert.

FINANCE AND PRINTING.—George H. Elwell, F. L. Frary and Rev. Wm. J. Gray.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—Rev. H. K. Painter, Rev. James Parsons, Rev. F. H. Oehler.

ARRANGEMENTS.—Rev. L. H. Hallock, Harington Beard, and Edward F. Waite.

TRUSTEES OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF.—Rev. S. V. S. Fisher, Harlan P. Roberts, and Walter N. Carroll.

PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL MATTER.—Warren Upham, Rev. James W. Strong, Rev. S. V. S. Fisher.

CARLETON COLLEGE.—Rev. F. L. V. Meske, Rev. Wm. E. Griffith, Rev. Geo. A. Traut, Rev. J. W. Vallentyne, Rev. W. B. Pinkerton, Rev. Alexander Milne, Rev. Edward B. Dean, Rev. A. D. Adams, Rev. Clement G. Clarke and Dean W. S. Pattee.

WINDOM INSTITUTE.—Rev. Charles A. Hilton, Rev. Percy E. Thomas.

REDISTRICTING CONFERENCES.—Rev. Alexander Milne, Rev. Willis A. Warren, Rev. Jas. W. Vallentyne.

VISITOR TO CHICAGO SEMINARY.—Rev. Walter A. Snow.

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION OF ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE, NOV. 22-24, 1905.—Rev. Henry Holmes, Walter N. Carroll.

DIRECTORS OF MINNESOTA ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE.—Rev. James E. Smith, Prof. L. A. Chaney.

COMMITTEE ON SEMI-CENTENNIAL SERVICES.—Rev. R. P. Herrick, Rev. S. V. S. Fisher, Rev. S. J. Rogers, Rev. C. G. Clark, and Harington Beard.

COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND PASTORAL SUPPLY.—Rev. W. J. Gray, Rev. A. McGregor, Rev. F. A. Sumner, Hon. W. H. Laird and Rev. A. Milne.

COMMITTEE ON Y. M. C. A. AND Y. W. C. A. IN THE UNIVERSITY.—Rev. Clement G. Clarke, Rev. Henry Holmes, and Rev S. V. S. Fisher.

MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The fiftieth annual meeting of the General Congregational Association of Minnesota convened in the First Congregational Church of Winona, Tuesday, Oct. 3, 1905, at two o'clock in the afternoon, and was called to order by the Assistant Moderator Rev. Frederick H. Oehler.

After singing and invocation Professor C. S. Beardsley, D.D., of Hartford Theological Seminary, conducted Study No. I on "Christ's Leading Lines of Thought," in an exposition of Luke 12: 13-30.

Rev. William J. Brown was elected Assistant Scribe and the delegates were enrolled. Rev. W. A. Snow, chairman of business committee, reported the program which was adopted. He also read the following letter from Dean W. S. Pattee, our Moderator:

To the General Congregational Association of Minnesota,
Winona, Minnesota:

Dear Friends.—It is a source of deepest regret to me that the severe and protracted sickness of my wife forbids my being present at your conference. I had anticipated much pleasure from meeting you upon this annual occasion, and I would not have failed to perform the duties which the Association so graciously assigned to me one year ago, upon any trivial excuse. The sternest sense of duty commands me to remain here.

I wish, however, to thank the Association for conferring upon me, the honor of becoming its Moderator, and to assure you that I fully appreciate the distinction, and regret my inability to be with you.

Sincerely,

W. S. PATTEE.

The Secretary was directed to send the regrets and sympathy of the Association to the Moderator.

Rev. W. C. A. Wallar, Rev. W. A. Warren, and Rev. C. E. Burton, were appointed as the nominating committee.

The reports of the Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor and Committee on Finance and Printing, were read by the Secretary. See (Reports "A. B. and C.").

The Secretary presented a report on The Condition of the Churches. (Report D.)

Report of Committee on Historical Matter was read by the Secretary. (Report E.)

The Committee on Re-districting the Conferences was presented by Rev. Alexander Milne and amended and adopted. (Report F.)

By vote of Association all reports were referred to Committee on Finance and Printing.

Rev. S. V. S. Fisher presented his reports as Treasurer and Secretary of the Ministerial Relief Association. (Reports G. and H.)

Rev. C. E. Burton gave an oral report of Chicago Theological Seminary and upon his motion the Association recommended that the churches of Minnesota raise for the deficiency in the current expenses of the Dano-Norwegian and Swedish departments of the Seminary such amount as may be necessary annually up to one thousand dollars.

Rev. N. A. Palmer made a brief address on the work of the Anti-Saloon League.

The three amendments to Article 6 of the Constitution, proposed one year ago, were adopted.

Rev. Edgar L. Heermance presented resolutions on "Oversight and Pastoral Supply," which were referred to a special committee of five and Committee on Nominations named for this committee, Rev. Wm. J. Gray, Rev. Alexander McGregor, Rev. F. A. Sumner, Mr. W. H. Laird and Rev. Alexander Milne, and for Committee on Resolutions, Rev. S. V. S. Fisher, Rev. D. T. Jenkins and Rev. E. L. Heermance; Commitee on Credentials, Rev. E. Smith, Rev. W. E. Griffith and Rev. J. W. Vallentyne. This partial report was adopted.

TUESDAY EVENING.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Charles H. Maxwell, after which the Assistant Moderator made a brief address on early Minnesota Congregational work.

Rev. J. K. Brown, D.D., of Harpoot, Turkey, gave an address showing the progress and hopeful conditions of the work upon that field and the sacrifices of the members of the churches.

Rev. R. P. Herrick gave a stereopticon address upon Northern Minnesota, from views taken by Rev. James E. Smith.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. A. Warren.

Study No. II, "Christ's Leading Lines of Thought," was presented by Professor Beardsley on "Democracy and Pharisaism," based upon Luke v: 27-32.

The minutes of previous sessions were read and approved.

Rev. C. E. Burton made an address upon "A State Ministers' Retreat," recommending that the ministers of the Twin Cities be encouraged to continue their work of bringing the ministers together in fellowship as in the last three years and that similar meetings of the ministers be held in other parts of the state. The subject was referred to the Committee on Credentials to name conveners for such meetings.

"The Ministry of the Circuit" was the subject of Rev. Robert P. Herrick's address on the work of the Sunday School and Publishing Society for past year in Minnesota. (See Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society.)

Rev. James Parsons presented the report of the Sunday Schools. (Report I.)

Mr. T. H. Colwell read a paper on "Congregational Christian Endeavor Unions."

The work of Windom Institute was presented in addresses by Rev. R. P. Herrick, President of the Board of Trustees, Rev. M. B. Morris, Field Secretary and Prof. H. S. Martin, Principal of the Institute.

The report of the Visitors to Carleton College, prepared by Dean W. S. Pattee, was read and accepted. (Report J.)

President William H. Sallmon and Prof. Horace Goodhue made reports concerning the condition of the college. (Report K.)

The Nominating Committee for Committee on Place and Preacher, nominated Lowell E. Jepson, Rev. C. H. Curtis and Rev. Samuel G. Smith; adopted.

Recess taken until 1:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Nominating Committe made nominations for following committees: Finance and Printing, Carleton College, Business Committee, Committee of Arrangements for next meeting, Sunday Schools, Historical Matter, Windom Institute, Re-districting Conferences and for Trustees of Ministerial Relief, Visitor to Chicago Seminary and Delegates to National Anti-Saloon League Convention at Indianapolis Nov. 22-24, 1905, and Directors of Anti-Saloon League. The report was adopted. (See Page 4.)

Rev. S. W. Dickinson made a brief address upon the work of The American Bible Society.

Rev. W. W. Newell, Western Secretary of Congregational Church Building Society, presented the work which he had just begun, in place of Rev. Charles H. Taintor, who has entered into his rest.

Rev. Clement G. Clarke made an appeal for help in the Y. M. C. A. work of the University of Minnesota and presented resolutions which were referred to Committee on Resolutions.

The business session closed at two o'clock and the sessons of the Womans' Home Missionary Union and the Minnesota Home Missionary Society were held until close of afternoon session.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Devotional Service was conducted by Rev. Luther C. Talmage.

Rev. George S. Rollins preached the annual sermon from Acts 1:14. The subject was Prayer.

The Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. W. G. Conard and Rev. William J. Paske.

The offering taken for the Ministerial Relief Society amounted to $52.38.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The Devotional Service was conducted by Rev. Everett Lesher.

Study No. III, on "Humility and Majesty," Matt. xviii: 1-6, Mark x: 13-16, was given by Prof. Beardslee.

Rev. Sidney Strong of Oak Park, Ill., spoke on "The Religious Education of Our Children" and "The Children's Church."

Upon the general theme of "Factors in that Education" Rev. C. G. Clarke spoke of the Home; Harington Beard, of the Sunday School; R. P. Felton, of Junior Christian Endeavor Work; Rev. E. S. Rollins, on Catechetical Classes in Sunday School; and Rev. Samuel G. Smith, on Books and Literature for the Sunday School.

Messrs. Sidney Strong, J. E. Smith, J. H. Albert, H. K. Painter, Lowell E. Jepson, W. J. Gray and E. P. Kuhl took part in the discussion.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Lunch was served by the ladies of the church, followed by the "Social Hour and Table Talk" with Rev. J. H. Albert as toastmaster.

Responses were made to his call by Rev. S. G. Smith, Rev. H. P. Fisher, Harington Beard, Rev. A. McGregor and Miss Margaret Evans.

The business session opened at 2:00 o'clock and upon nomination by the Committee Walter N. Carroll was elected to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees of the Ministerial Relief Society, caused by resignation of Prof. Cooper. The Committee to consider the subject of "Oversight and Pastoral Supply" reported that they had not had time nor the material for investigation of so important a matter and recommended that a committee of five be appointed to investigate and report next year and that a limited amount be allowed from the treasury upon approval of the Finance Committee.

The report was accepted and the Committee continued for one year.

Rev. S. G. Smith presented written notice of an amendment to the Constitution, to be acted upon at the next annual meeting, providing for a plan for oversight and pastoral supply.

Rev. S. G. Smith offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of Home Missions be requested to secure a visit of fellowship to all Home Missionary churches in the State during the coming year.

The Committee to name Conveners for Ministerial Retreats reported as follows:

Rev. William J. Brown for South West Section, Rev. Edwin S. Shaw for North West Section, Rev. H. W. Johnson for North East Section, Rev. Chas. H. Curtis for South East Section.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Place and Preacher reported as follows: We recommend that the Association accept the invitation of Plymouth and First

churches of Minneapolis and that all the services be held at Plymouth church with the one exception, viz.: that the anniversary exercises be held in the First Church, and that, as a part of these anniversary services, the annual sermon be preached by Rev. James W. Strong.

By vote of the Association it was provided that a special committee should be appointed to arrange for the semi-centennial services.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following names: Rev. R. P. Herrick, Rev. S. V. S. Fisher, Rev. Samuel J. Rogers, Rev. Clement G. Clarke and Harington Beard, who were duly elected.

Study No. IV, was given by Prof. Beardsley on the Parable of the Prodigal Son, Luke xv: 11-24.

The remainder of the afternoon was given to the Minnesota Branch of the W. B. M. I.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Before the business session Miss Slade played several fine numbers upon the organ. The adjourned session opened at eight o'clock.

Greetings were received from the Wisconsin Convention in session at Dodgeville, Wis., and the Moderator and Secretary were directed to send a message to the Convention.

The Committee on Resolutions reported and report was adopted. (See Report L.)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Dean W. S. Pattee was re-elected Moderator and the nominees of the Committee Rev. Henry Holmes for Assistant Moderator; Rev. William J. Brown, Scribe; and John M. Norris, Auditor were elected.

Rev. C. C. Campbell conducted the devotional exercises.

Rev. Eugene G. Updike, D.D., of Madison, Wis., gave an address on "The Church and its Present Day Problems."

The closing address was by Rev. Percy E. Thomas, pastor of the entertaining church.

The secretary was authorized to complete and edit the minutes.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. James W. Strong.

FREDERICK H. OEHLER, Assistant Moderator.
JAMES W. VALENTYNE, Scribe.
SAMUEL J. ROGERS, Secretary.

ROLL OF THE ASSOCIATION.

ANOKA CONFERENCE.

Brownton—Rev. James Earl. *Minneapolis*: *First*—Rev. C. G. Clarke, Rev. A. H. Tebbets, Geo. H. Elwell, Mrs. G. H. Elwell, Mrs. H. T. Eddy, F. A. Foster, T. H. Colwell. *Plymouth*—Rev. Harold Hunting, R. L. Pollock, Mrs. Geo. R. Merrill, A. W. Wood, Mrs. A. W. Wood, Mrs. W. I. Lamson, Miss Katibel Chadbourn, Miss Helen Griffith. *Park Avenue*—Rev. G. S. Rollins, Mrs. Rosa O. Bristoll, Mrs. J. B. Harker. *Pilgrim*—Rev. F. A. Sumner, Lowell E. Jepson, Mrs. L. E. Jepson. *Vine*—Rev. John S. Rood, Mrs. S. V. S. Fisher, Mrs. J. A. Nelson. *Como*—Rev. H. K. Painter, Mrs. J. Houghtaling. *Union*—Mrs. E. M. Pierce, Mrs. L. W. Fuller. *Lyndale*—Rev. C. E. Burton, Miss Edith E. Putnam. *Fremont Avenue*—Rev. Chas. A. Hilton. *Fifth Avenue*—Rev. James E. Smith, Mrs. Henry Ingham. *Bethany*—Mrs. Annie L. Ferree, Mrs. M. B. Morris. *Lowry Hill*—Rev. Henry Holmes, Mrs. Henry Holmes, Mrs. O. Thorson. *Oak Park*—Rev. L. Curtis Talmage, Mrs. H. M. Powell. *Thirty Eighth Street*—B. F. Coffin. *Linden Hills*—Rev. Chas. H. Maxwell, Ralph P. Felton. *St. Paul*: *Plymouth*—Rev. C. C. Campbell, Miss Catherine W. Nichols, J. W. Olsen, Mrs. J. W. Olsen, J. D. Humphrey, Mrs. J. D. Humphrey, Miss Carrie S. Pond, Miss Katherine Hansen. *Pacific*—Rev. Otis D. Crawford. *Manitou*—

Rev. Edgar L. Heermance. *Mapleton*—Rev. F. L. H. von Lubken, William L. McQueen. *Sherburn*—Rev. William B. Hubbard. *St. Clair*—A. R. Brown. *Waseca*—Rev. Allison D. Adams, Mrs. A. D. Adams, Mrs. D. J. Shaw, Mrs. Sarah E. Chaney, Mrs. E. P. Latham.

MINNESOTA VALLEY CONFERENCE.

Belview—Rev. Geo. R. Searles. *Morris*—Rev. J. C. Shelland, Mrs. J. C. Shelland. *Montevideo*—Rev. Wm. J. Brown, Harry S. Martin.

NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

Akely—Rev. L. D. Arnold. *Bagley*—Rev. A. C. Woodcock. *Clarissa*—Rev. John L. Hanna. *Crookston*—A. A. Miller, Mrs. A. A. Miller. *Staples*—Rev. Thomas W. Spanswick, Mrs. T. W. Spanswick.

OWATONNA CONFERENCE.

Austin—Rev. F. E. Knoph, Mrs. N. F. Banfield, Mrs. E. H. Sterling, W. E. Waldron. *Faribault*—Rev. John H. Albert. *Medford*—Rev. Paul Winter, Mrs. W. A. Bailey. *Morristown*—Rev. J. D. Mason. *Northfield*—Rev. Edwin B. Dean, Prof. Horace Goodhue, Mrs. Horace Goodhue, Rev. George Huntington, Miss Margaret J. Evans. *Owatonna*—Rev. James Parsons, Mrs. James Parsons, H. J. Jager. *Spring Valley*—Rev. Everett Lesher.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

Garvin—Rev. Francis Wrigley. *Lake Benton*—Rev. Paul G. Viehe. *Marshall*—Rev. J. W. Vallentyne, Mrs. J. W. Vallentyne. *Tyler*—Rev. J. H. Hjetland. *Walnut Grove*—Rev. C. H. Moxie.

WINONA CONFERENCE.

Lake City—Rev. W. A. Warren, Mrs. W. A Warren, Mrs. B. M. Leonard, Mrs. J. E. Morey, Mrs. J. W. Kennedy, Mrs. H. J. Collins, Mrs. Mary E. Patton, Mrs. M. A. Sparrell, G. W. Patton. *Maseppa*—Rev. S. T. Beatty. *Plainview*—Rev. W. E. Griffith, Mrs. W. E. Griffith, F. W. Knapp. *Rochester*—Rev. Chas. H. Curtis, Rev. A. D. Maes, W. W. Ireland, Mrs. W. W. Ireland, Mrs. H. H. Witherstone. *Stewartville*—Rev. J. E. Henderson, Mrs. J. E. Henderson, Mrs. T. B. Horton. *St. Charles*—Mrs. L. W. Howe. *Wabasha*—Rev. W. B. Pinkerton, Mrs. W. B. Pinkerton. *Winona First*—Rev. Percy E. Thomas, W. B. Anderson, Julius E. Curtis, Geo. J. Hillyer, Mrs. P. W. Henry, Mrs. H. M. Kinney, Mrs. J. M. Holzinger, Mrs. F. A. Rising. *Winona Second*—Rev. Brander Greenaway. *Winona Scandinavian*—Rev. S. M. Andrewsen, John Moe, O. C. Loken. *Zumbrota*—Rev. Frank G. Wilcox, Mrs. A. E. Mosher.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The minutes of the last association were somewhat delayed, for which the Secretary was not responsible. The commendable brevity of the reports reduced the printed matter so that the expenses of printing and postage were less than usual.

In the effort to get reports from all the churches the statistics were not sent for the Year Book quite as early as last year. The report was not complete and will not be until a special agent is sent to about twenty churches. Letters sent each week for a month do not avail.

Some kind of a report was obtained from 201 churches. Nineteen failed to send any report or excuse. Only four of these had pastors and some have no clerk. One of the four has not reported for three years and another had only four members at last report. The other two are served by one pastor and have usually reported. Of the fifteen without pastors, seven are abandoned fields and without any service except in three cases where Sunday Schools are reported by Superintendent Herrick. One of these seven supposed to be dead has been revived this past summer and one has been dropped by Conference. Of the eight churches not accounted for, six are not members of any Conference, several have no house of worship. Some of the churches not reporting have not been dropped by the Conferences. This question should be considered in the rarrangement of the Conferences. The reports received were better than usual, but still incomplete. Unless instructed otherwise the Secretary will still consider the last order to the former Secretary, fixing Feb. 15th as the latest date for reports, as in force. Feb. 1st would seem to be late enough.

Two churches have been dropped and two added to the roll, so the number is still 220.

There are twelve more ministers in the State this year, but the number without charge has increased by ten and now number seventy-one out of 222. One-third and possibly one-half of these are engaged in religious or Educational work. Two of the aged ones, have died since beginning of the year. There is a real gain of 976 members in the churches and 508 members in the Sunday School, while the Christian Endeavor Societies remain about the same.

Home expenses have increased while there is a slight decrease in benevolent contributions. Special arrangements should be made at this ses-

sion for the fiftieth anniversary of this Association which was organized in the First Church of Minneapolis, October, 24, 1856.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL J. ROGERS,
Secretary.

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REPORT OF TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Balance reported October 4th, 1904	$220.65
Refunded by Western Passenger Association	11.00
Central Conference Balance of 1904	20.00
Anoka Conference Balance of 1904	30.00
Northern Pacific Conference Balance of 1904	24.00
Minnesota Valley Dues of 1904	29.00
Anoka Conference on Dues of 1905	302.00
Central Conference on Dues of 1905	21.65
Duluth Conference In Full for 1905	24.00
Mankato Conference In Full for 1905	50.00
Northern Pacific Conference On Dues of 1905	25.00
Owatonna In Full for 1905	100.00
Western Conference In Full for 1905	23.00
Winona On Dues for 1905	45.00
Total Receipts,	$925.30

EXPENDITURES.

Bills of Business Committee of 1904	$ 49.72
Printing Minutes and Mailing	186.00
National Council In Full	275.95
Salary of Secretary	150.00
Postage and Stationery, Express Charges and Telephone	17.95
Total Expenditures	$679.62

Balance in Treasury September 29th, 1905 ..... $245.68

SAMUEL J. ROGERS,
Treasurer.

Audited and found correct, September 29th, 1905.

JOHN M. NORRIS,
Auditor.

Dues of Conferences unpaid, Oct. 3rd, 1905—

Anoka Conference	$ 30.00
Central Conference	36.35
Minnesota Valley Conference	36.00
Northern Pacific Conference	25.00
Winona Conference	17.00
Total	$144.35

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND PRINTING.

To the General Congregational Association of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Finance and Printing reports bills allowed aggregating $679.62, as audited by Mr. J. M. Norris. For items see the Treasurer's report.

The estimates of the expenses of the Association for the ensuing year are:

For the National Council	$290.00
Printing minutes and postage	200.00
Salary of Secretary	150.00
Expenses of Business Committee	60.00
Postage, stationery and incidentals	25.00
Total	$725.00

To defray these expenses we need an assessment of about four cents per member upon the churches, apportioned as follows:

Anoka Conference	$346.00
Central Conference	55.00
Duluth Conference	26.00
Mankato Conference	48.00
Minnesota Valley	36.00
Northern Pacific Conference	50.00
Owatonna Conference	98.00
Winona Conference	60.00
Western Conference	26.00
Total	$745.00

Respectfully submitted,

Committee on finance and printing,

EDWIN S. SLATER, Chairman,
W. S. WINGATE.
GEO. H. ELWELL,

Minneapolis, September 30th, 1905.

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REPORT OR THE COMMITTEE FOR REDISTRICTING CONFERENCES.

Your committee disclaims any authority over the conferences or churches. Any proposal emanating from them even though indorsed by the association has no more weight than the wisdom in it which approves itself to these whose interests are concerned. They advise as brethren.

In their deliberations and proposals the committee have been guided by two ideas: contiguity, accessibility and effectiveness. The churches grouped in a conference for fellowship ought to be so accessible to each other that meetings may be easily attended. There ought to be enough of them to engender self respect in the minds of the ministers and church members; the body should be large enough to impress the community in whose midst its mettings are held.

The committee are happy to announce that the measures they propose came from those most vitally interested. They have but embodied in their report recommendations received from the members of Winona Conference and from the ministers of St. Paul.

They recommend that the following churches take steps to organize themselves into what shall be called, The Southeastern Conference; Austin, Claremont, Dexter, Dodge Center, Faribault, Grand Meadow, Lyle, Mantorville, Mazeppa, Medford, Morristown, Owatonna, Plainview, Rochester, Rose Creek, Spring Valley, Taopi, St. Charles, Stewartville, Waterville, Winona First, Winona Second, Winona Scandinavian, Zumbro Falls, Zumbrota.

Total 25 churches.

The committee recommended further that the following churches proceed to organize themselves into what may be called the St. Paul Conference: Northfield, Lake City, Lake City Swedish, Cannon Falls, Cannon Falls Swedish, Wabasha, St. Paul churches. Plymouth, Pacific, Atlantic Park, St. Anthony, Bethany, Olivet, So. Park, Peoples, University Ave., Hazel Park, peoples German: Stillwater, Cottage Grove, Lakeland, Sunrise, North Branch.

Total, 23 churches.

The committee feel that this will make a good beginning, reducing the size of Anoka, the giant of our brotherhood, and practically settling the problem for the twin cities and the southeastern part of the state.

Western and Mankato appeal strongly to the sympathies of the committee but they do not feel that they have adequate knowledge as to means of transportation and possibilities of fellowship to suggest any change. They recommend that the brethren of these Conferences take the matter under considerations. As further readjustments in the judgment of the Committee are desirable it seems advisable that the Association shall keep the matter before the churches and conferences, by the appointment of a committee

who shall serve in some such fashion as the present, a clearing house of ideas and source of suggestions.

Respectfully Submitted,

ALEXANDER MILNE,
J. W. VALENTYNE,
W. A. WARREN.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL MATTER.

The Committee is glad to announce the removal of the Historical Society Library to the new capitol.

Since the last annual meeting of this Association, the History of Carleton College, in 421 pages, by Rev. Delavan L. Leonard, with an Introduction by President Strong, has been published. It is hoped that historical records of each of the churches, and brief biographic notes of their present and former pastors, will be gathered and published in accord with the plan outlined one year ago.

The surviving pioneers of Congregationalism in this State are now venerable men and women, and it is earnestly desired that these historical records may be early and carefully gathered through their aid and forwarded, for such collective preservation, from each of our Congregational churches.

WARREN UPHAM, St. Paul,
Chairman of the Committee,
Secretary of the Minnesota Historical Society.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CARLETON COLLEGE.

THE COMMITTEE appointed by this Conference to visit Carleton College, beg leave to report through its Chairman as follows:

First.

The committee, consisting of gentlemen living at long distances from the college, have found it quite inconvenient to make the journey and spend such time at the institution as would enable them to thoroughly investigate the courses of study, its methods of work and its success in performing the work of a Christian College; and it might possibly be better if a committee of not more than three persons, living within easy reach of Northfield, should be appointed, instead of one person from each of the different district Conferences in the state.

Second

But certain members of the committee visited the institution and report that the work done at Carleton College in Philosophy, Science, Literature and all the other branches of learning, are taught with thoroughness, ability and conscientiousness, and that they believe that the instruction given there is as efficient as that given in any other first class institution of learning. No one need feel that in sending his sons and daughters to Carleton, that they are to receive inferior instruction to that given in larger institutions of learning, but rather that the college work is of a high order and that the teachers are thorough, efficient and high minded, and that the corps of teachers there are imbued with a warm spirit of Christian love, and that they carry that spirit into all their work.

Third.

The courses of study, as presented by the catalogue, are well arranged, ample in their scope, and well calculated to give to young people the fundamental principles of Literature, Science, Ethics and Religion necessary for the upbuilding of a strong and liberal Christian character.

In view of the fact that the President of the College, and its oldest professor in years of service, are both to address the Conference at this session, it has seemed best to exclude from this report any reference to the financial condition of the College, its growth, its numbers, its recent donations, and its plans for future development, as these subjects would more naturally and appropriately be considered by the gentlemen who are officially responsible for the growth and influence of the College.

Very respectfully submitted,

W. S. PATTEE, Chairman.

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PRESIDENT SALLMON'S ADDRESS ON CARLETON COLLEGE.

The fortieth year of the college opened in September with an address by Governor Johnson, who stated that he regarded Carleton as second only to the University among the educational institutions of the State, and second only in numbers and equipment, and the fact that the State stands behind the University. An examination of the catalogs of other institutions bears out this statement. Carleton has more bona fide college students pursuing regular courses than any of them. The policy is not to attempt to become a University but to build up a true college. One great step towards this end was the abolishing of the Academy or preparatory department last year, a conclusion reached after careful study by the faculty and trustees. The reasons which prompted the step were outlined by the President. A list of topics was read which are discussed by the faculty at monthly conferences held at the

President's home. The faculty are studying the movements taking place in the educational world. At present they are interested in the trend away from the classics and towards the sciences. Last year the number in the classical course at Carleton decreased twenty per cent, while the scientific course had a corresponding increase of twenty per cent. In line with this movement was the great event of the year in the announcement of a gift of $100,000 from Mr. William H. Laird, president of the Board of Trustees, $50,000 of which is for a science building, and the other $50,000 for its endowment. It is the largest gift ever made to the college.

The changes in the faculty were referred to. Professor Goodhue, who has been with the college from its beginning, will spend a year in the field; Professor Stratton, former principal of the Academy, will take his place; and Dr. Luther A. Weigle of Yale will occupy the chair of philosophy. The faculty gave a course of lectures last year which was so successful in interesting Northfield people that it will be duplicated this year. In debate and oratory Carleton won both of its contests with Upper Iowa University and the University of North Dakota, lost the sophomore debate to Beloit, and had the great honor of winning the State Oratorical Contest. In Music the year was marked by a most successful rendition of the "Messiah" at Northfield, repeated in the Cathedral at Faribault, and the Choral Union is now at work on the "Elijah" to be given in December. The Glee Club made a successful trip in Southern Minnesota, the church choir of twenty-eight voices is in charge of the Musical Director, and five students were graduated from the music department in June, two in voice, two in piano, and one in violin. There is great need of a music building.

The religious activities progress as usual, a noon-day prayer meeting, Bible classes on Wednesday evening and Sunday mornings, a devotional service on Sunday afternoon. The new leaders have opened the year in a way which promises unusual religious activity and spiritual power.

The freshman class numbers 115 against 100 last year, and the total attendance in the college department is the largest in the history of the institution. One hundred and thirteen towns are represented. There are sixteen denominations, 222 church members, 70 non-church mmbers, these figures not yet being complete.

REMARKS OF PROFESSOR HORACE GOODHUE, FIELD SECRETARY OF CARLETON COLLEGE ON THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE COLLEGE TO THE WORK OF THE CHURCHES.

This is the 40th year of our incorporated life and the 39th of our educational work. The older Alumni have found their life work and are exhibiting a wise and efficient leadership in all departments of church life.

Two members of the faculty; eighteen of the alumni and nine partial course students have gone as foreign missionaries and several others are preparing to go. Misses Searle, Brown, Stewart, Watunabe and Amaya to

Japan; Messrs. Wingate, Sivaslian, Riggs, Caldwell and Getchell; also Mrs. Caldwell and Misses Willard, Gage, King, Nason and Vaughn to Turkey; Messrs. Alf, A. G. Anderson, C. J. Anderson, Sjorquist and Miss Reynolds to China; Misses Moulton, Millard and Dr. Lewis to India; Mr. Ryberg and Mrs. Lopp to Alaska; Mr. Maxwell and Miss Herrick to Africa and Miss Chadbourn to Costa Rica. Four others wrought under the New West Education society in Utah, one in Indian Territory, four in Berea College, two among the Mountain Whites and others in the negro schools of the South. Without these leaders what missionary interest or effectiveness would we expect to exist in the churches of Minnesota?

Forty of our Alumni and fourteen of our partial course students have entered the ministry or are preparing for it. They are in five denominations and in ten states.

Ten educators have prominent positions in State Institutions and seventeen are professors or instructors in colleges; while more than one hundred are superintendents of schools or high school teachers, in daily touch with thousands of our youth at the formative period of life.

The next twelve years will double the number of the Alumni. Viewed from any standpoint, financial, educational or religious, we reach the same conclusion, that the decision of the Association thirty-nine years ago to establish a Christian college in Minnesota was the most important action it has ever taken, bringing the greatest good to the individual, the commonwealth and to the world.

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CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES.

REPORTED BY REGISTRARS AND EDITED BY THE SECRETAY.

Reports, more or less complete ,have been received from seven of the nine Conferences. These reports give us some idea of the condition of nearly half of the churches in the State.

ANOKA CONFERENCE.

A special committee was appointed in 1904 to get written answers to a series of questions, printed and sent by the Registrar to all the pastors or clerks a month before the annual meeting of this year. Only about thirty churches out of fifty-five responded and some of these were too late for use. The report was, however, a great improvement over anything ever before seen in Anoka Conference and the plan was approved for another year subject to some changes. Twenty-two churches report increase of membership and

in some accessions were large. The estimate was made that over sixty per cent of the additions upon confession of faith were from persons over eighteen years of age, showing that pastors are not gathering children only into the churches. The reports showed a most lamentable lack of system in securing contributions for benevolence.

The cheerful and gloomy notes are about equal in the reports concerning Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies.

The reports upon the prayer meetings are distinctly encouraging, showing an increasing interest in this service with attendance from ten to fifty per cent of resident members. In one church nearly all the members attend.

Half of the reports show increase in attendance upon Sunday Services. Seven churches report special meetings with revivals. The general impression made upon the Committee was that the Churches of Anoka Conference "are aggressive, earnest, prayerful and successful."

CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

Only eleven out of twenty-five churches were represented at Conference, but reports from these churches were more encouraging than usual.

A new house of worship and a new pastor at Sauk Centre,—a new parsonage at Alexandria,—large increase in home expenses at Big Lake, and a determination to arise and build a new house of worship at Glenwood are among the hopeful matters in the report.

There is cheer also in the reports of a few of the Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies and pastors' classes.

Four of the churches report accessions to the number of eighty-seven, mostly on confession of faith. One reports removal of many families, but the best Sunday evening services in years.

MANKATO CONFERENCE.

This Conference seems to be better organized for aggressive work than any in the State. All but one of its nineteen churches are supplied with regular preaching. Four churches report participation in special meetings with pronounced results.

Eighty-five additions to these churches are credited directly to these Special Services and others seem to be facing toward active membership.

One new church has been organized at Elmore and has called a pastor.

The Home Missionary Committee, already doing most efficient work, has been enlarged, and is to be called the Fellowship Committee, with enlarged responsibilities. Its services are to be at the disposal of all the churches of the Conference, in the way of council and co-operation. Among other things this Committee is to have in hand the work of ministerial supply and it is hoped that similar committees may be at work in other conferences, so that there may be a thorough intelligence as to the available men in the ministry at all times.

There is also a Committee on Systematic Beneficence, intended to do

what is possible in cultivating system among the churches of the Conference in their giving to the cause of missions, home and foreign.

This Conference is not to be daunted by present difficulties, such as isolation, foreign population, but having faith in Congregationalism as the great solvent, is planning for generations to come, for Southwestern Minnesota.

It should be noticed that important work begun last year in the vicinity of the Mankato church, and under the eye of the Chairman of the H. M. committee has grown, so that there are some six or seven preaching stations and a branch church in the immediate vicinity of the Mankato church. A recent graduate of Yale Divinity school, Albert R. Brown, is in charge of the branch church, and an undergraduate has been engaged in Summer work in that field. A new railroad is in process of construction through a portion of that territory which promises to make possible a couple of strong churches in the near future.

Freeborn is rebuilding its house of worship. Pastor's salary at Mapleton is increased.

The Salem Church at Cambria will celebrate its 50th Anniversary Oct. 14th. They are raising about $600 to improve the church building and have started a new Sunday School at Judson, six miles east of Cambria.

MINNESOTA VALLEY CONFERENCE.

The Registrar has not secured a full report, but gives some light upon the condition of a few of the churches.

Chokio and Hancock: "prospering fairly well."

Morris: "Recovering lost ground. Outlook promising. Twenty have united with church since new pastor came and more will join. All branches of church work have picked up wonderfully. Prayer meetings well attended."

Montevideo: "Prosperous year. Services well attended. Church in good condition. Special union meetings in spring greatly quickened spiritual life of community. Sixty united with church since Jan. 1st, 1905, fifty on confession of faith. Ten or twelve came into church last October. Sunday School has enrollment of two hundred."

Appleton and Ortonville: Prosperous with additions to church.

The Secretary has noted in the Advance that Dawson and Madison have had *very large accessions* from Evangelistic Services early in this year.

The Conference ought to be much strengthened by these large additions.

NORTHERN PACIFIC.

In report of this conference mention is made of less than half of the churches and nothing is said of the new work except that one new church in Aldrich township, Wadena County, that has been received to Conference.

Barnesville, Moorhead, Staples, and Wadena rejoice in many new members and much temporal prosperity.

Shevlin is losing by removals, but has connected with it six out stations where Sunday Schools have been established.

Ada, Akeley and Bagley have had a good year with some increase in Sunday School and Church attendance.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

This Conference has fourteen churches with only one church that has more than one hundred members, and yet all are supplied with services but one. There has been real progress in most of the churches since the great awakening at Marshall in the winter of 1904. There is increasing desire for more aggressive work and an evangelist has been engaged to spend several months with the churches. The church at Custer has been revived and there is a cheerful note in all the reports.

WINONA CONFERENCE.

Reports indicate that nearly all the fields are occupied by faithful pastors.

Winona First has had its jubilee, and great improvements and additions to the church buildings are the result. St. Charles rejoices in a commodious and beautiful new house of worship.

Mazeppa and Zumbro Falls, for some time vacant, have called a pastor.

Rochester, Wabasha, Zumbrota, the Lake City and Winona churches all report a steady growth with increasing interest in the work.

Plainview has increased its benevolent offering and has an excellent Sunday School. The outlook among the young people at Stewartville is good. A spirit of hopefulness characterizes the whole report.

In the conferences not reporting and in the churches of the seven conferences that have not been referred to in these reports, there is much that has come in many ways to the ears of the secretary that indicates an earnest desire for an enlarged work. There is evidently a longing for more evangelistic services and a desire to reach the neglected fields and the young people. These things are hopeful.

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MINISTERIAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

It is a question with your executive officers how to get the ear of the churches, and to so impress them as to beget in them a perennial interest in the good work of this society. A yearly reminder is sent to every pastor. Perhaps, because it is in printer's type and ink, it finds its way quickly to the waste-basket, and is not read. That in the majority of cases it makes no abiding impression is evidenced by the fact that only twenty, out of at least ninety self-supporting churches, paid any attention to the appeal made to them. Two years ago thirty churches gave $298.55, or an average of $9.95.

Last year 20 churches gave $138.57, or an average of $6.90. The year just closed as many churches (20) gave as the year before, but an aggregate of $6 less. And the society has paid out in grants this year $2 to one which the churches, as churches, have given to it. But four of the Minneapolis churches —First, Park Avenue. Lyndale and Vine,—and but one of the St. Paul churches—Atlantic, made a contribution to the state society; and the largest churches of the state, outside the Twin Cities, are conspicuous by their absence from the society's list of givers. It may be that these churches have remembered the national society generously this past year. Let us hope so. Seven of the conferences this past year, as against four the year previous, gave the society a collection, which is matter for thanksgiving. If these seven weary not in well-doing, and Western and Winona conferences fall into line, all of our conferences will be doing their duty: unless the committee carves out some new conferences.

If the members of Minnesota Congregational churches would remember this society, and its needs, to the extent of a streeet-car fare apiece, the society could halve its gifts with the national society, and still its treasury would have $400 as against $132. If the ministers would remember the society the members of their churches would. Three extracts from recent letters indicate why ministers should not fail to remember this cause.

"Dear Brother: The twenty-five dollars reached us safely, and how grateful we are for it I cannot tell you. We would more gladly give to help the cause, if we could; but are glad and grateful that others who can give are so kindly remembering the Lord's needy servants. Verily they will receive their reward."

"My dear brother: I know that a dependent child ought not to be surprised at parental care; neither should a child of God, dependent upon his heavenly Father for his daily bread be surprised when he manifests his loving care over us, his children; and yet when I received your kind letter yesterday containing the unthot of gift of twenty-five dollars, I was surprised. We are thankful every day to our heavenly Father for his care over us, and that we are cared for by Him thru our friends, his children. We are the children of the king."

"My dear brother: Your draft of $25. is thankfully received. I am still abiding at *Chereth* and verily God's ravens do not fail me. It is a joy to me to find friends so true and kind; and back of them I recognize the heavenly Father's care. I have full faith that the "things needful" he will still supply; tho I often think how it would have been without the timely help from the Society."

Respectfully Submitted,

S. V. S. FISHER, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Congregational Ministerial Relief Society of Minnesota.
In account with S. V. S. Fisher, Treasurer.

Income:	
Balance in the Bank, October 1st, 1904	$339.74
Collection at State Association, October, 1904	34.70
Collections at District Conferences—Seven	48.34
Contributions from twenty churches	132.38
From a brother-minister, Rev. M. B. Morris	5.00
Balance of a loan	20.00
Interest on Deposits	9.76
	$589.92
Disbursements:	
Aid given in six cases	$280.00
Loan	50.00
Envelopes and Postage	2.00
Total	$332.00
Total Receipts	$589.92
Total Disbursements	332.00
Balance in the Bank, October 1st, 1905	$257.92

Examined and found correct.

HARLAN P. ROBERTS, Auditor.

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REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A STUDY OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL SITUATION.

After a full conference your committee decided upon two lines of action. The first was to get a full consideration of the religious education of our children before the members of this association. This has been done by the Business Committee who have given almost an entire session to this work.

The second step was to get information from the pastors of the state and to stimulate them to acquaint themselves with the needs of adjacent fields. From the information thus secured we wish to present a few facts concerning Sunday School conditions among our Congregational churches in Minnesota.

We sent word once to about two hundred and fifteen pastors, or church clerks, requesting them to answer promptly, and up to date sixty-two have

been heard from, one reply coming in last week. We base our study upon these sixty-two reports which doubtless represent the work in as favorable a light as possible. Seven schools reported Home Departments, twelve branch schools were reported, twenty-three schools reported special methods, thirty-six reported observing Children's Day, thirty-four reported having received a total of 355 members into the church from their schools, and the reports showed that about forty-four per cent. of the Sunday School scholars attended the preaching services. The statistics gathered show that thirty-two per cent. of all Sunday School scholars are under ten years, twenty-six per cent. between ten and fifteen years, eighteen per cent between fifteen and nineteen, and twenty-four per cent. adults. Seventy-four per cent. of all attendants being below nineteen years of age.

What do these facts show concerning our interest in the welfare of our Sunday School work?

1. The number of reports received shows, we think, a lack of appreciation of the earnest desire of the committee to present facts so complete as to be a real contribution to our knowledge of Sunday School conditions among our churches. Wherever there was a pastor located he was addressed, and it was hoped that pastors would take the pains needed to get the facts from the Sunday School Secretary and see that we received a prompt reply. Twenty-five pastors did reply. But in some cases the cards were turned over to the secretary of the school, who showed an absolute failure to understand the meaning of the questions contained. This would seem to indicate that some pastors do not have the requisite knowledge of the Sunday School officers, or are lacking in interest in the work attempted by the state committee. It would seem a natural inference to be drawn from the number and character of the reports received would be that both pastors and Sunday School officers are not thoroughly awake to the importance of an intelligent consideration of this branch of church work.

2. The Children's Day Offering.—We are not prepared to speak on this phase as to actual results for the whole state. Thirty-five out of sixty-two schools are reported as giving, but there are a few straws on the surface which seem to indicate the direction of the current in some instances. One school evidently had Children's Day exercises, but the answer to the question "Amount of offering" is "Paid for exercises." Now, this is not one of our schools that could be called weak, but a fairly strong school, in a good town. In two other schools, one with a membership of 200 and the other of over 400, the one with 200 members gave about $3.00 and the larger one $2.79, or one cent per member on the average attendance. Brethren, such reports ought not to be possible. We shall never raise up a missionary church if we do not develop the missionary spirit in our boys and girls in the Sunday School.

While this is the condition in some of our larger schools it is not so in some of the smaller ones. One report shows a church of five members and

a good part of them non resident, yet one young woman who is clerk of the church, Superintendent of the Sunday School, without the help or encouragement of a pastor, not only carries on her Home School, but also a branch school in a place more needy, and a Home Department as well. She not only gives herself and her means, but is training the children to give. In both schools of which she is superintendent one-third of all money raised is given for benevolences.

3. Branch Schools.

If the report in our last year book is correct, Minnesota has 182 Sunday Schools under the supervision of our Sunday School and Publishing Society in places were there is no Congregational Church. But from reports received only twelve branch Sunday Schools have been reported, and four of these twelve are under the care of one church. Is not an intimate connection between our churches and these schools, that are often near by, of such importance that loving watch-care and supervision shall be given?

4. New Methods.

Twenty-three schools report something along the line of special methods. Among these the cradle roll, better grading, teachers' meetings, young men's Baraca classes, red and blue contest, catachetical classes are mentioned. The most frequent suggestion under this head is the Study of the Blakesley's lesson studies. While there is an evident earnestness on the part of a few who have become dissatisfied with present day results, there does not seem to be any general enthusiasm or searching after the best things for the Sunday School. On the part of some there is a shortness that seems to border on impatience at the suggestion that possibly some new methods might be better adapted to present needs.

5. The Sunday School as a Feeder to the Church.

We here see facts that are of special interest. Thirty-four churches report 355 additions from their Sunday Schools. It is impossible from the facts at hand to make an exact statement of the proportion of members that come from the Sunday School. However we find that 1037 united with the Congregational Churches of Minnesota last year on confession. Less than one third of our churches reported to us but we may say that one half who came from Sunday Schools are reported, or that 710 came from the Sunday Schools of the state. If this be a correct estimate then 70 per cent of our recruits on confession come from the Sunday School. If this be true at present, in spite of the terrible leaks in the old Gospel ship, in spite of the awful gaps that are made in our army by the great enemy of souls, ought we not to display a new enthusiasm in our work for the young? Ought we not to get a new grip on our purse strings and break them if need be in order that the sinews of war may be provided? Ought we not to awake to the opportunities and responsibilities that the adjacent country presents? And above all ought we not to think, plan and study as we never

have to make our schools the most effective agencies possible under God for building up His Kingdom in the hearts of lives of the young.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES PARSONS.
Chairman Committee.

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RESOLUTIONS.

STATE UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION WORK.

Whereas, the work of the Young Men's and of the Young Women's Christian Associations at the State University—a work of almost vital importance for the religious welfare of great numbers of our young people, coming year by year from all parts of the State—deserves cordial recognition and appreciation on the part of all our churches, be it resolved:

1. That in view of the increasing needs and opportunities of this work and the lamentably inadequate support it receives, the churches are recommended to include it among the objects for which contributions are made.

2. That for the purpose of securing on the part of the churches support of it, and for the further purpose of reviewing and reporting on conditions and prospects, a committee of three be appointed to have these interests specially in charge, and that this committee be also instructed to seek conference with similar committees of other religious bodies of our State with a view to united or agreeing action in measures for furthering the cause of religion at the University.

3. That this committee is asked to consider and report to the Association on the whole problem of the relation of our churches to the State University, including the following questions among others: (a) a Congregational house; (b) a University pastor; (c) a professor of Theology, who shall secure students for the ministry, offer at the University elementary courses in Apologetics and Theology, and conduct a correspondence course for ministers whose training has been inadequate.

TEMPERANCE.

Whereas, the liquor traffic is an unmitigated evil, intruding its destructive influences upon every interest of our human life,—business, social, civil, political, religious: and

Whereas, the church, seeking first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, can never rest until the saloon goes, therefore be it resolved:

1. That we more earnestly strive to arouse our churches to thought and action upon this most important question;

2. That, while we esteem and would encourage every effort to control the liquor business, we look with special favor upon the Anti-Saloon League, in its effort to federate all church and temperance forces.

3. That we pledge ourselves to co-operate, as far as possible, with the Minnesota Anti-Saloon League, by opening our pulpits to its leaders, and giving them and their work due encouragement.

FREEDOM OF PROGRAM.

Resolved, that the next business committee is asked to arrange the program so that there may be ample time for business, and for the discussion of papers and reports; and that larger provision be made for the devotional services, the Iowa plan being suggested,—the hour from ten to eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

DR. JAMES W. STRONG.

Whereas, Dr. James W. Strong, after serving the Congregational Home Missionary Society of Minnesota as its president, from its beginning thirty-three years ago; and by a coincidence worthy of note for thirty-three years president of Carleton College, and for thirty-three years a corporate member of the American Board, has deemed it wise to commit this worthy office and work to another, therefore be it

Resolved, That this Association does hereby express to Dr. Strong its high appreciation of his most valuable services to the cause of Minnesota Home Missions during this long term; its great regard for him as a Christian man, of high ideals, broad sympathies, large charity, wise counsel, always a devoted friend to Christian education and Christian missions in our beloved Commonwealth, and throughout the earth; and its heartfelt wish for many added years of congenial service, and of increasing peace and joy.

MINUTE.

We, who have enjoyed this three-days gathering in our State Association, desire to give expression to the grateful thoughts and feelings which rise within us as we review our tarry in Winona. We thank God for the beautiful autumnal days which have made our stay here such a pleasure.

We thank our brother, Rev. Percy E. Thomas, and the members of this First Congregational Church, for their cordial invitation to meet here, for their careful provision for our comfort and for the success of these meetings. We thank our hosts and hostesses for their large and generous hospitality, and their delightful entertainment. We thank the ladies who banqueted us this noon, thus making it possible, and so pleasant, for us all to break bread together. We thank the young ladies, organist and vocalists, who have given pleasing variety to our evening sessions. To one and all of our kind friends in Winona we wish the best things in coming days.

CONSTITUTION.

NAME.

Article 1.—This Association shall be called the "General Congregational Association of Minnesota."

OBJECT.

Art. 2.—It disclaims all ecclesiastical power or authority, but aims to promote fellowship and co-operation among the Congregational Churches of Minnesota.

DOCTRINE.

Art. 3.—It is in substantial accord with the doctrinal statement issued by the National Council of 1883.

MEMBERSHIP.

Art. 4.—Any minister who is a member of a Congregational conference in this State shall be entitled to a seat in this body; also two delegates from each church connected with such conference, with an additional delegate for each fifty resident members after the first hundred, conference registrars, officers of the Association, members of its standing committees, the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society, and of the Minnesota Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Interior.

Others present at any meeting, whose names are proposed by the nominating committee, may be made honorary members with all privileges of membership except voting.

OFFICERS.

Art 5.—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator and Scribe, elected annually by ballot at the closing session; an Assistant Scribe, and Auditor, chosen annually viva voce, and a Secretary, elected triennially by ballot, who shall have charge of the records, correspondence and statistics, and may also be Treasurer. They shall hold office until their successors are chosen.

COMMITTEES.

Art. 6.—The standing committees of this Association to be chosen annually, shall be a Business Committee, a Committee of Arrangements, of

which the minister of the church with which the annual meeting is held shall be a member, a Committee of Finance and Printing, a Sunday School Committee and a Committee on Historical Matter, of three members each, one of whom shall be chosen annually to serve three years, and a Committee on Carleton College, including the Moderator of the Association, with one representative from each Conference, chosen for three years and after first election one-third to be chosen each year. The Business Committee shall always have one member who has served upon said committee within the last two years.

For each annual meeting there shall be Committees of three each, on Nominations, on Place and Preacher, on Resolutions, and on Credentials.

TIME OF MEETING.

Art. 7.—The annual meeting of this Association shall begin on the first Tuesday in October and close as directed by the Business Committee. Should an exigency arise requiring an extra meeting of this body, or a change from the appointed time and place, such appointment or change may be made by the Moderator, Secretary, Chairman of the Business Committee, and Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, or by three of these upon giving adequate notice.

AMENDMENTS AND RULES.

Art. 8.—This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, notice of such amendment having been given at the previous meeting.

Any rule of the Association may be temporarily suspended by a two-thirds vote.

RULES.

1. The annual meeting shall be called to order by the Moderator or Assistant Moderator, or in their absence by the Secretary, or the minister of the church with which the meeting is held.

2. The Secretary, with tellers appointed by the Chair, shall collect the names of members, of the church each delegate represents, and of the conference to which each minister belongs. On the following morning the roll shall be read, and the organization completed.

3. The Minutes of the preceding day shall be read each morning for correction, and the corrected Minutes shall be read for approval before the final adjournment.

4. Every motion, if requested, shall be reduced to writing, and every written motion, when seconded, shall be passed to the Scribe, who shall take charge of all reports presented to this body, and all papers received.

5. In debate, no one shall speak upon the same question more than twice or longer than ten minutes, except by vote of the body.

6. The Moderator, on the opening day of the annual meeting at which he presides, shall deliver an address upon the religious aspects and spiritual progres of Congregationalism in Minnesota.

7. The Secretary shall collect statistics from the conferences and churches, shall record and report to the Moderator events of special significance in the work of the year, as reported by the registrars, and shall publish and distribute the minutes of this body, for which service he may receive reasonable compensation.

8. The Treasurer shall collect through the Registrars the funds due this body from the conferences, according to the appointment made by the Committee on Finance.

9. The Business Committee shall prepare the program for the annual meeting and publish the same at least two weeks before the time of meeting. They shall also prepare the order of business for each session, designating the time when all papers and reports shall be received. They shall provide for at least one devotional meeting each day at a time favorable for general attendance. New business shall be introduced only through the Business Committee, except upon vote of the Association.

10. The Nominating Committee, appointed by the Moderator at the opening session, shall nominate all officers and committees not otherwise provided for, and shall propose the names of honorary members.

11. The Committee of Arrangements shall make all local provision for the annual meeting.

12. The Committee on Finance shall approve all bills to be paid by the Treasurer, and shall estimate the expenses of this body for the ensuing year and apportion the same among the conferences, such apportionment to be published in the Minutes.

13. At the meeting of this body next previous to the meeting of the National Council, delegates at large and alternates, half of each to be laymen, shall be chosen to represent the Congregational churches of the State at National Council.

THE CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Secretaries ....Rev. Joseph B. Clark, D.D., Rev. Washington Choate, D.D.
Treasurer .....Mr. William B. Howland.
Represented in Minnesota by.. .....Rev. George R. Merrill. D.D., Supt.

THE MINNESOTA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. Samuel G. Smith, D.D..... *President.*
Rev. William H. Sallmon, D.D..... *Vice-President.*

DIRECTORS.

Hon. W. H Laird..... Term expires in 1908.
A. C. Anderson ..... Term expires in 1906.
Rev. S. G. Smith, D.D.....Term expires in 1906
Hon. Geo. E. Perley.....Term expires in 1906
Edwin S. Slater.....Term expires in 1907
Hon. L. E. Jepson.....Term expires in 1907
Hon. A. A. Miller.....Term expires in 1907

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Winona, Minn., Wednesday, Oct. 4, 1905.

The President of the Society, Rev. James W. Strong, D.D., called the meeting to order and presided.

Rev. H. K. Painter offered prayer.

The Scribes and Nominating Committee of the Association were requested to act in the same capacity during the meeting of this Society.

President Strong addressed the Society on his work and experiences for nearly a generation in the state.

Rev. Herman P. Fisher reported his work in northern part of the state.

The Review of the Home Missionary Year was given by Rev. Geo. R. Merrill, Superintendent.

The Nominating Committee reported the following nominations:

For President, Rev. Samuel G. Smith.

For Vice-President, Rev. William H. Sallmon.

Directors for three years, Hon. W. H. Laird, A. C. Anderson.

The report was accepted and the officers elected. There was also a vote of warm approval of the work of the retiring president, Dr. Strong.

The Directors were instructed to take such action toward incorporation as they should deem wise.

Closing prayer was offered by Rev. C. B. Fellows, after which the Society adjourned.

JAMES W. STRONG,
President.
JAMES W. VALLENTYNE,
Scribe.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR.

By Geo. R. Merrill, D. D., Superintendent.

The C. H. M. S.

The Congregational Home Missionary Society has been passing through what may be deemed, without exaggeration, the most fateful year of all its long and eventful history.

Its more than three-quarters of a century of splendid success in nation-building which has been accompanied by self-sustaining Home Missionary organizations in all the northern states east of the Mississippi, except one; the false idea widely prevalent in the East that the day of the new settler is over, and that there are no more frontiers; the pressure of emigrant work in the older states; joined with other common forces have produced a falling Home Missionary treasury.

The condition of the treasury, as is usually the case, has given point and sometimes acerbity to, if it has not originated, criticism of administration, expense, methods and organic structure. As a result the situation is, that after repeated reductions in appropriations, at the end of the year the debt of the Society was $182,000, and there is before the Denomination, waiting for formal action at the next annual meeting, a plan already approved, for the reorganization of the Society, of the most radical and far-reaching sort.

In Minnesota

The work of the Society in Minnesota has been affected by this situation as everywhere in its field.

The appropriation has been again reduced, while the work itself in its opportunities, and in demands that would be imperative if they were listened to, has been increasing.

There has been a burden on the Superintendent under which, but for the grace of God, he would have fainted, to make the reduced appropriation do the increased work. The burden has been lightened by the readiness with which many pastors of churches have enlarged their fields and lessened their call upon the Society,

and the response of the stronger churches to the appeal for larger effort. On the other hand, it has been weighted by the selfishness of a few churches,—and they are very few,—that can see only their own needs, and regard the Home Missionary Society's appropriation as so much "spoil," of which they must get their share, that share depending, as they think, on the Superintendent's attitude toward them.

A Hard Year

The fact that with our lessened appropriation and expanding work it is not possible to make our salaries equal to some of the states around us, or of our denominational neighbors, coupled with the scarcity of good men, has made the task of supplying pastors for the smaller fields one of special difficulty. The labors of General Missionary Fellows, the fraternal assistance of Dr. Herrick and Mr. Stickney of the Sunday School Society, and the services of various resident ministers of the Twin Cities have been utilized to the utmost to provide enough of ministerial care to keep saved work that was pre-empted years ago.

Nevertheless—In the face of all these things we have widened our work, increased the number of our preaching stations, organized new churches and enlarged our contributions.

Revivals

Best of all the gracious influences of the Holy Spirit have been felt in unusual measure throughout the field, and in the great majority of the churches aided by the Society there have been revivals of religion whose full fruitage is not yet gathered, but in which many a solitary place is rejoicing.

Southern District

In the Southern District, Oak Park in Minneapolis has come to self-support; Lake Benton has been making a brave endeavor in the same direction; New Brighton has been taken up by the Open Door Church in Minneapolis, and Pastor Hjetland at Tyler, has undertaken to care for Arco, so that they are removed from the list. Brownton and Stewart prosper under the care of Rev. Jas. Earl, but are obliged to be content with services every other Sunday. At Lakeland the work has been prosperously revived and put in the care of the pastor at Cottage Grove. Marine Mills, so long without services as to have lost its place in the Minutes, has been resuscitated under the care of General Missionary Fellows at the earnest call of the people, and supplies are furnished from the office for alternate Sundays. At Mizpah, Hopkins, there has been a change of pastors, and Rev. Mr. Danford is finding a hopeful opportunity. University Avenue, St. Paul, has had an average year and is hopeful; its pastor has also cared for Hazel Park. South Park has been taken under the pastoral care of Rev. C. C. Campbell of Plymouth Church, and has not been obliged to call upon the Society for aid. In Minneapolis, Bethany, which has been bravely forging ahead through the last five years, has lessened the amount of aid asked and Pastor Richardson has

taken on work at Columbia Heights which it is hoped may hasten the day of self-support. Thirty Eighth Street has seemed to demand larger aid than ever before from the Society and its request seemed to the Directors and Superintendent justified by the opportunity before it; with its new and beautiful church home and with a pastor of recognized ability and commanding the love and respect of all his brethren, the outlook for this work would seem to be a very cheerful one. No organization has been effected at Lynnhurst, but a Sunday School and morning preaching service have been sustained in the chapel erected by the aid of the City Union, and in the near future a pastor will secure in this growing community the beginnings of a successful church. Minnehaha has been able to sustain services most of the year without assistance. In the Midway, at Desnoyer Park, through the endeavors of Dr. Herrick, the Sunday School, begun some years ago in his own home, has been furnished with a small chapel and plans are already under consideration to secure regular preaching under the auspices of the Society.

The work at Lyle, which has been in a doubtful condition for years, has taken on a new life with the coming of Rev. C. A. Ruddock. The christians of the town, with the cordial sympathy of Presiding Elder F. M. Rule, without whom it would have been impossible, have come together, and the best things are anticipated from the union. Lyle's gain was Lamberton's loss, and Lamberton is one of the very few aided churches at this time vacant. Morristown and Waterville are happily united in the support of a pastor and revival influences have been enjoyed, as at Lyle and Walnut Grove. At the latter place there have been also improvements upon the church property. At Springfield and Selma a fair measure of success has attended the work of the year, though for the larger part of it the field has been without a resident pastor. At Custer the interest has revived, the old relations with Garvin have been restored and the outlook is fairly promising. Belview and Seaforth have suffered from removals and the need on the part of Seaforth of a church-home. Granite Falls has made substantial progress under the wise administration of Rev. H. C. Todd and there is every prospect of its continuance. Stillwater reports substantial progress and good courage. Salem Church, Cambria, our solitary Welsh church, has prepared, by sundry improvements without, and inward gains, for the celebration of the semi-centennial close at hand. The work in the St. Clair Circuit organically connected with the Mankato Church, has enjoyed a successful year and more than justified the hopes that prompted its beginning. The Second Church in Winona, under the enthusiastic and intelligent leadership of its new pastor, is on the way to realize and take advantage of the

large and "beautiful" field that it has in the manufacturing district of this city. Mazeppa and Zumbro Falls were without a pastor in the earlier part of the year, but since the coming of Rev. S. T. Beatty the prospect has become more encouraging than for several years past.

The thing of largest importance in the work of the Southern District, and that which more than anything else acoounts for the universally favorable situation, is the practical interest taken by the Conference Committee in the churches, and the large and generous way in which they interpret and use their privilege of fellowship.

Central District

In the Central District, it is hoped that Campbell and Tintah may secure self-support together; Appleton and Corell with a new pastor and material improvements should make a similar experiment. The union of Graceville and Chokio which seems to be expedient meets with obstacles; Chokio has gained during the year, while the small Protestant force in Graceville has been divided by "missionary" labor from without. Marietta and Nassau have been greatly quickened and enlarged by evangelistic services and are full of hope and zeal.

Work has been temporarily suspended at Starbuck and permanently at Hudson, partly because of removals from and discouragements in the fields and partly from the impossibility of securing yoke-fellows for them at a time when their separate maintenance does not seem justifiable. Starbuck receives occasional service from Rev. E. N. Ruddock, of Glenwood. New Paynesville is making slow but certain gains and diminishing its call upon the Society as it recovers from its prostration of a few years ago. Villard is supplied acceptably by the pastor of a neighboring Presbyterian church. Clearwater and Hasty are doing all that perhaps can be done in the communities where they are set. Round Prairie has grown and flourished and has made a model record in many respects for an absolutely rural church. Its Pastor Dr. Locke has the sympathy of his brethren in his bereavement. Clarissa and Bertha have ordained a pastor on the field and in spite of removals are in a courageous and hopeful condition. The Burtrum-Gray Eagle-Swanville-Pillsbury field has been ably covered in a year of changes by Rev. E. C. Lyons who has just surrendered it to Rev. A. G. Washington. Brainerd Second has been fortunate in the services of a man apparently specially made for this at once peculiarly difficult and hopeful field. It is to be said with gratification that in using the phrase it is possible this year to put the emphasis on hopeful.

North Branch and Sunrise, at present without a pastor, present one of the problems that are always with us. Left to itself North Branch could easily and comfortably have supported the

one Church of Christ in the town; divided into two struggling religious sects the influence of each in the community becomes a negligible force. Milaca has grown in numbers and in favor in the community. Its new house of worship is completed and its future is full of courage.

Northern General District

In the Northern Central District, the work is still largely one of faith, and investment based on faith. This is the region of changes and uncertainty for the special community while the growth and progress of the whole is sure. The removal of a single family may mean the closing of the work for a time and the incoming of another family of worth and consecration may put it upon its feet again, all the more vigorous seemingly for the enforced break in religious privileges. Thus Aldrich has taken on new hope while Verndale, Perham and Itasca are waiting for the moment of promise.

Backus and Hackensack, Nymore and Turtle River are cared for in Rev. W. J. Conard's circuit along with ten or a dozen needy fields that he is cultivating with such assistance as the General Missionary and neighboring pastors can give.

New churches have gathered themselves at Aldrich and Hill City, the first of which has been recognized by Council and the other is expecting such recognition speedily. Lake Park and Audubon are obliged to part with Mr. J. C. Whalin and his wife at the close of the present month. Fertile is maintaining itself well in spite of removals and the difficulty of its position. Kragness is still cared for with a little aid by the pastor of Plymouth Church, Fargo. New York Mills has been removed from Mr. Conard's circuit and with Aldrich given a pastor of its own.

Twin Valley and Ulen surrendered reluctantly Rev. S. H. Harris and wife to the insistent demand of a larger and more needy field, and they are bravely meeting a most trying and difficult situation at McIntosh, Erskine, and Mentor. No case of sectarian intrusion has come to my knowledge so flagrant as has been exhibited in this field.

Cass Lake and Fosston have been sharing the labors of Rev. W. T. McLeod: a further division of religious forces at Cass Lake complicates its problem. The great field of Rev. A. G. Parks, Solway, Shevlin, Fontenac and the region round about, has been covered with diligence and consecration and the abundant labor bestowed upon it has not been without a harvest of souls. Bagley has had a prosperous year and is gaining with Rev. A. C. Woodcock, in every way. The same thing is to be said with emphasis of Plymouth, West Duluth, where Pastor Johnson with a company of devoted people fully deserve the success that is coming to them.

Rev. George Michael holds his preeminence in term of service at Walker and in his unquestioned possession of the field.

Akeley responds in a steady loyalty and increase to the continued ministry of Rev. L. D. Arnold. The out station opened at Bodoura enlarges the missionary's sphere and outlay with returns that are in the future. Park Rapids is in a present state of discouragement, but the experience of the past shows that a rally is soon due.

In addition to the churches and fields named, a preliminary organization has been effected at Mahnomen on the Soo-Winnipeg line, and other points have been prospected. In something like two score of school houses, blacksmith shops, and railway stations, the workers representing the Society have furnished regular or occasional ministrations where no other voice was speaking the words of life.

As a whole, compared with a year ago, there has been in this district both growth and strengthening. These have been mostly marked in the last six months in response to the careful and intelligent ministry of Rev. H. P. Fisher, long known among the churches of the state, and whose ten years of pastoral service at Crookston had made him acquainted with, and interested in the churches of the District. After the withdrawal of Rev. Allen Clark Mr. Fisher accepted the appointment as General Missionary and representative of the Society in this District, his salary of $1000 and expenses, to $300, being provided for outside of the appropriation from the Society.

The Circuit Plan, with the large fields attended to by Rev. Mr. Conard and Rev. Mr. Parks, seems the only practicable way of caring for this needy missionary field whose development, though it tarry, is certainly on the way.

The Rainy River District

The New North with its great possibilities and its magnificent future, which however long delayed by influences that are sufficiently patent, is sure to come, has been under constant consideration during the year. The condition of the treasury has put additional wisdom in delay in increasing the force, but in June the right time and tht right man seemed to have come, and Mr. W. R. McClane, who had just graduated at Oberlin, and who had been approved in several years of faithful service in the state, was placed at International Falls, where he is the only resident minister, and where presently he will be ordained and the church in International Falls recognized by Council. Rev. Mr. Howard is now left free for other work, and is expected to complete several tentative organizations. With the incoming of population which will accompany the completion of the railways slowly nearing the Falls, there will be an enlarged demand both for men and appropriations for this new empire. Through the assistance of

the Sunday School Society which has a $100 interest in Mr. Howard's work, Rev. A. G. Parks was enabled to go to Mr. Howard's help in evangelistic services over the field, which were attended by gracious results.

Our Financial Plan

It is realized that for the success of any financial plan there must be confidence that money is being well used; that it goes to the places where it will do the most good; that expenses of oversight are not extravagant; and that there is an enlargement of business, and a natural increase of resources that justify plans for a larger advance.

I have gone over in detail the fields occupied and aided by the Society to show the measure of our present ministry and suggest, at least, the large opportunity that is opening before us.

Two additional statements are sufficient for all I care to say under this head:

Economy of Expense

The expenses of the Minnesota office, including rent, telephone service, postage, telegrams, stationery, printing and travel, averaging about 26,000 miles yearly, have amounted in the last five years to something less than $500 per year, the figures for the year just closed being $490.

I am not able to say that I particularly rejoice in what these figures indicate. It would be much more agreeable to me, and I think it would be for the advantage of the work, to have a clerk to attend to details, and to meet visitors at the office in my absence. I prefer, naturally, meals in the diner to a cold lunch from my pocket, and to save nervous wear and tear, as well as time, by using night trains and sleepers. I have in my desk an expense budget made out a few years ago by the Directors of the Minnesota Society and submitted to the New York office as representing the lowest basis on which the work in Minnesota could be judiciously carried on. I have a right to refer to it especially because I was then Secretary of the Board of Directors, and one of the Committee who drew it up. It called for the expenditure of $1,540 for the year. I confess I should prefer to do my work under those conditions.

Justifies the Appeal for advance

But when, in response to the demand that is so insistent in all business, that operating expenses shall be reduced to a minimum, and the needs of the field, these, which may properly be called our operating expenses, are reduced more than 66 per cent, from $1,540 to less than $500, there is, so far, a fair basis furnished for any call that may be made for larger investments in the business.

The receipts into the treasury from Minnesota from all sources have been:

Steady Gain in Contributions

From Sept. 1, 1901 to Aug. 31, 1902.....	$5.662.41
Sept. 1, 1902 to Aug. 31, 1903.....	5,846.06
Sept. 1, 1903 to Aug 31, 1904.....	6.805.49
Sept. 1, 1904 to Aug. 31, 1905.....	7,528.05

Adds Force

It will be observed that the advance has been quite steady, and that the gain for the four years has been $1,865, or nearly 33 per cent, in the last year as compared with 1901.

The Stake we have Passed

Up to last year the announced effort was to secure from the state fifty per cent of the missionary money expended in it; to put an honest Minnesota dollar by the side of every eastern dollar coming into the state.

It seemed a year ago, and I hope it may be deemed sure now, that we have permanently reached that goal and passed it.

The New Stake

At the meeting of a year ago an advance step was suggested and a plan tentatively introduced as one that would be considered and tested during the year. It was simple; it seemed reasonable and workable. The plan was that, taking the report made by each church of its current expenses for the Year Book preceding, as a basis, we should seek to secure from every church as its *minimum* offering through the six Societies ten per cent of what it expended for current expenses, and for Home Missions one-third of the ten per cent. That when a church had been prospered to reach three hundred members it should be urged to add five per cent, making its minimum offering fifteen per cent of its current expenses, and in the same way five per cent additional for each additional hundred added to membership.

No one could say that such a proposition was fanatical or extravagant or apparently impracticable. It did not appear on the surface that it would require any unusual consecration in the churches to carry it out.

The plan has been presented to a number of the churches and has received everywhere a welcome and careful consideration, and in most cases a good attempt to realize it, though in the majority of instances the consideration came too late to secure a place in the Banner Roll for this year. There seems to be one place, however, where the operation of the plan may make a demand unlikely to be met at present and involving perhaps an unfair responsibility comparatively. There are eleven churches in the state whose membership, as reported, is above three hundred. If the same call is made on them as on churches with a membership of less than three hundred they will contribute about one-fourth of the whole amount raised for Home Missions.

Under the plan of five per cent increase for each one hundred increase in membership their total would be increased for Home Missions alone about two thousand dollars and their proportion would be raised to nearly one-half, which is, perhaps, hardly to be expected of them.

The Minnesota Plan

It seems best, therefore, to announce as the result of the year's observation and experiment that the *Minnesota Plan*, which will be urged during the year to come, and in which hearty co-

operation is hoped for, will be simply *one-third of ten per cent of current expenses, as reported in the last Year Book, the minimum from each church for Home Missions.*

At the same time the suggestion of the five per cent increase going alongside the blessing of the Lord in an increased membership, will remain, as a counsel of perfection, until we shall be ready to come up to it.

The Banner List

The Banner List, as reported in the Home Missionary, consisting of churches that between Sept. 1, 1904, and August 31, 1905, reached the standard of one-third of one tenth of their current expenses for Home Missions, is as follows: Excelsior, Fair Oaks, Faribault, Freeborn, Glyndon, Granada, Lake City, Mazeppa, Medford, Minneapolis: Lyndale, Lowry Hill, Pilgrim, Plymouth; Round Prairie; St. Paul: Cyril Chapel, So. St. Paul; Silver Lake, Ulen, Walker, Winona First.

There are others whose actual contribution for the year has reached the standard, but owing to delay in forwarding it is not reported in the present year. Others have approached so near the standard that there is no doubt that if the matter had been brought specially to their attention, as will be done this year, they would have reached it.

The most essential thing in the successful working of the Plan in the coming year is that the several Conference Committees should take it up and make sure that each church in the Conference understands it and is working toward it. There is not one of the Conferences that will be likely to disappoint the expectation and endeavor of its own Committee.

The Reorganization of the C. H. M. S.

The plan adopted at the annual meeting of the Congregational Home Missionary Society at Springfield involves certain changes in the constitution and workings of the Society in which we have a very considerable interest. These changes are to be acted upon and made legally possible, if so voted, at the next annual meeting. At present the plan is before the churches, and more particularly the strong Home Missionary Societies upon whose decision its acceptance will depend, for a year's consideration. What that year will bring forth it is not for me to prophesy.

If the plan as proposed should substantially be adopted there will be a threefold distinction instituted among Congregational states:

1. There will be Constituent States, supporting their own work and contributing a certain proportion to the general work; these will be really the Society and will control it.

2. Co-operating States, having each an incorporated Home Missionary Society and bearing a certain fixed proportion of the cost of work in their territory; admitted by vote, on conditions,

as co-operating states and having some rights of attendance at and representation on the governing body.

3. Missionary Districts, controlled entirely from the central office.

The Privileges of Home Rule

If this arrangement goes into operation I take it for granted that we shall aspire to become a Co-operating State and secure for ourselves the privileges of Home Rule. These are:

(1) A vote in the selection of the twenty-seven men who constitute the Governing Board of the Society.

(2) To have, as Minnesota has had for many years, a voice in the choice of its Superintendent, but more especially, to give him as the executive of its Society such a relation to the whole state as he now has in part by courtesy.

(3) As an incorporated body to receive and hold funds for itself.

(4) The right to raise and expend money on its own work beyond the amount appropriated for it by the National Society.

(5) Reasonable freedom in the disposition of the amount appropriated for its use.

There will be responsibilities also

But these privileges will carry with them new responsibilities that are to be carefully weighed.

Heretofore there has been required of a state like Minnesota an estimate of what could probably be contributed in the next year, the consideration of which has entered into the fixing of the appropriation, but the appropriation has not been conditioned on it, nor has it been enforced as an obligation.

Under the new arrangement a certain amount to be fixed by the Governing Body must be positively pledged as a condition of securing the honorable position of a co-operating state, and must be raised to maintain that position. It is probable that the proportion required will be a greater one than we are now raising.

Furthermore all this proportion will need to be raised before the liberty is secured of raising additional funds for work not embraced in the original schedule.

From this it will appear that if the proposed arrangement goes into effect and we secure our position among the Co-operating States the duties and responsibilities of the Directors of the Minnesota Home Missionary Society will be greatly modified.

Heretofore that body has been advisory to the Superintendent and the National Society in the expenditure of funds, for whose securing, and indeed for whose expenditure, it had no responsibility. Under the new arrangement the emphasis will

be on the funds it must become responsible for and secure before it can have the expenditure in its hands.

We should be getting ready

What steps should we be taking to adjust ourselves to the new situation?

Evidently steps should be taken either for the incorporation of the Society, or, as is being done in other states, the incorporation of the General Association as a body for attending to all Congregational interests in the state. including the Home Missionary work.

In the expectation that the condition of securing the position of a Co-operating state may be the raising of not less than two-thirds of what is to be expended in the state, the churches of the Society should set themselves with one accord to realize between now and April, 1906, the standard set by the Minnesota Plan which will give us just about the proportion suggested.

What we Need

There are but two things needed; first the sense that so much is the lowest measure of our opportunity and privilege; and then, persistent, faithful, endeavor on the part of all to work the Plan.

Acknowledgments

I may not close this paper without the due acknowledgement of the efficient labors of my associates in general work, Messrs. Fellows and Fisher; the helpfulness of the Woman's Home Missionary Union in disseminating information and raising funds; the co-operation of the Superintendents of the Sunday School Society, both for Minnesota and North Dakota; the efficient and intelligent aid of the Conference Committees; the readiness of the pastors of the aided churches in meeting the special burdens of the year; and the fellowship and support of the self-supporting and stronger churches of the state.

CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PUBLISHING SOCIETY.

It is a long way from Northern Minnesota to Galilee of the Gentiles whether measured in time or distance. Yet He who trod the shores of the Sea of Genessaret so long ago walks to-day by the blue lakes and through

LEONARD SUNDAY SCHOOL, NORTHERN MINNESOTA

the aisles of the ancient forests of Northern Minnesota in the person of many a faithful follower who in his name and for His sake ministers of the things of Christ unto the profounder needs of men. For although the things of this world lie evident on the surface of life there as everywhere, it is nevertheless true that just as men left the money changer's seat or the fishing net to listen to Christ as He spoke of the transcendent things of this world and the world to come so in log cabin or crowded school house they come to-day to confess their hunger for that Bread which came down from Heaven.

Oh! What a wonderful experience life is—how mysterious, unfathomable, infinite in its outlook and how any of us will hearken to a voice that tells us the way—the meaning—the issue. This hunger of the

human soul is our warrant, as we, servants of the Great Master and ministers of the Congregational churches, serve the Sunday-school Society in this noble commonwealth of Minnesota.

The last year the Congregational Sunday-school and Publishing Society has commanded the whole or a part of the time of nine men in Minnesota. No other state has so emphasized the circuit idea. We have led the way in a movement which is perhaps to mark a new era in our denominational missionary work. The care of many small and needy fields where there are a few Christians who, with frequent counsel and the occasional visit of the preacher can sustain the institutions of religion until larger development comes—why is this not the natural and economical way for the church of Christ to minister of spiritual things on the frontier? The fields themselves contribute something from the start and the cost per field in missionary funds is exceedingly low.

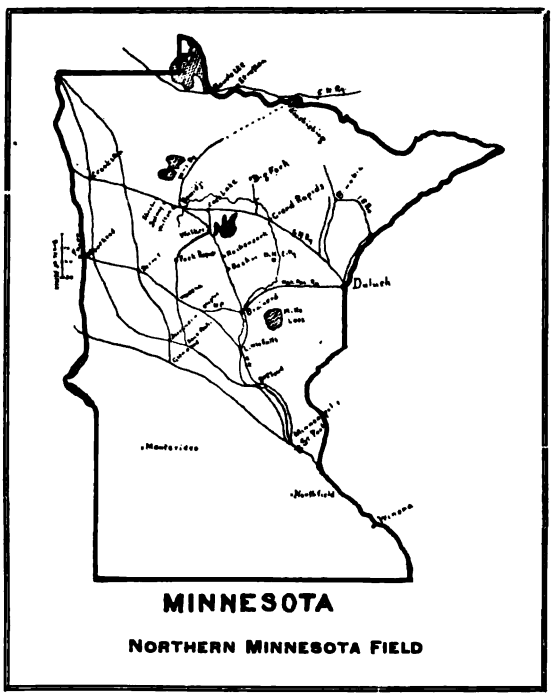
Let us glance at these circuits. Here is Missionary Howard along the Rainy River on the Canadian boundary to whose support we contribute. With a half dozen neighborhoods scattered over twenty-five miles of territory, little beginnings among the hardy settlers in those forest wildernesses he is at once a pioneer missionary, an evangelist and a country pastor. We gave him the help for two weeks of Evangelist Parks. Together they sang and preached the precious gospel. And now beside those black rivers we have three Congregational churches organized as a result of their labors.

Then there is the great circuit ministered to by Brother Conard—truly a pastor of counties is he. The bounds of his habitation extend over an arc of 300 miles. Five churches and as many preaching stations receive his itinerant visits each month. In each of these fields is a group of workers upon whom the care of the Sunday-school may be laid in the intervening weeks. Rev. Herman P. Fisher assists in these fields as time permits. The revival spirit has been marked over this great circuit. And so through the year a vigorous and successful work has been maintained in this land of ancient forests and new homes and Christ has ministered unto these distant communities through the words and labors of his servants.

Along the Winnipeg line of the Soo, that great trunk line to the north, we maintained a circuit work during the winter by the week day visits of Rev. E. C. Lyons. When the opportunities of summer were coming we were perplexed as to the future care of this work. Then it was that the hearts of the members of People's Church, St. Paul, opened to a plea for this work and a Sunday-school offering on Easter of sixty dollars provided the means for employing Dwight M. Mowery of Northfield for work at Mahnomen and north and south. In August, helped thereto by a visit from Mr. Stickney, a Congregational church was organized at Mahnomen, which already has plans for a building. For this circuit we have now in hand $100, and we want some individual or individuals to pledge during this meeting an equal amount to continue our share of this circuit along the Soo in the twelve months to come.

Circuits of Sunday-schools and preaching stations have been maintained by Brother Okerstein in Mille Lacs and Morrison counties with frequent and often notable conversions. His work is so largely in bringing individual souls to Christ, on the high-way, in the home, on the train, that it cannot be tabulated adequately in the arithmetic of earth. But in these Swedish-American communities, among the settlers Christ has certainly ministered through the consecrated life and words of Brother Okerstein.

In Blue Earth and neighboring counties Rev. Edgar L. Heermance of



Mankato has been conducting an evangelistic campaign by communities. Our share in this important work has been in helping him with an efficient summer worker,—Rev. George L. Porter of Yale, now of Glenwood.

In the circuits of the north Rev. A. G. Parks has rendered evangelistic help and Rev. E. H. Stickney has come over from Fargo in various emergencies.

In this paper which deals with only one phase of the work of the Sunday-school Society in Minnesota—its ministry in Christ's name through the forming of circuits—we may not deal with the organizing, reorganizing and visitation of schools and the large work through 180 mission schools, the

figures for which may be found in memoranda added. But we believe that in this care of large fields until more funds are available the society is doing a great work and one which the churches are heartily recognizing by their generous gifts. Moreover, whatever may be the human lack and imperfection in it all we feel more than ever before that this ministry to the poor and humble in these scattered communities is a work dear to the heart of Him who on earth sought out just such places and was loved and followed by just such people.

Will not the churches, the Sunday-schools, the Endeavor Societies and those blessed women who labor together with us in the Gospel deal generously with this work the coming year.

ROBERT P. HERRICK,
Superintendent for Minnesota

Workers employed a whole or part of the time	9
New schools organized	27
Schools reorganized	9
Schools visited	276
Meetings attended	513
Total salaries and expenses	$4,156.41
Miles traveled	46,579
Given by Minnesota last year for this work	$1,897.13
We are needing this year for Northern Minn. and state work not less than	$2,500.00

NOTE:—There is a national movement to bring gifts for this beneficent work up from $75,000 to $100,000 as urged by the National Council I feel confident Minnesota will give her proportion as above.

—R. P. H.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

MINNESOTA WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

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Mrs. W. W. Morse, 119 Bedford Ave. S. E., Minneapolis.

PROGRAMS AND BUREAU OF EXCHANGE.

Mrs. R. M. Dunlap, Capitol, St. Paul.

The thirty-third annual meeting of the Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Union was held in the Chapel of the First Congregational Church, Winona, Minnesota, at 3:00 p. m. Tuesday, October 3, 1905.

Miss C. W. Nichols, St. Paul, President, conducted the opening exercises.

The reports of the officers were read in the following order: Recording

Secretary, Mrs. W. M. Bristoll, Minneapolis; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. E. Truesdell, Minneapolis; Secretary Young People's Work, Mrs. W. C. A. Wallar, Little Falls; Secretary Children's Work, Mrs. W. W. Morse, Minneapolis, no report; Secretary Programs and Bureau of Exchange, Mrs. J. V. V. Lewis, Hutchinson, read by Mrs. G. R. Merrill, Minneapolis; Treasurer, Mrs. A. W. Norton, Northfield, read by Mrs. Horace Goodhue, Northfield; Auditor, Mrs. Horace Goodhue, Northfield.

These reports were accepted as read and ordered placed on file.

The Treasurer made two suggestions: first, that the Treasurer's books close Sept. 15; second, that one hundred and fifty dollars ($150) be taken for expenses.

A letter from Miss D. E. Emerson, New York City, outlined some work for our Minnesota children in furnishing some of the new rooms at the Girls' Industrial School Moorhead, Miss. This was more fully explained in a letter from Miss Chase, our teacher there. Voted: that the Union accept this work for the children.

Mrs. Ida Vose Woodbury, Boston, told of her visit to Moorhead and of the work being done there.

Voted: that one hundred and fifty dollars ($150) be appropriated from Undesignated or Emergency Funds for expenses.

Voted: that the Treasurer's books close September 15th.

In absence of Mrs. E. R. Shepard, Chairman Committee on Nominations, the report was read by Mrs. M. B. Morris.

Mrs. G. R. Merrill withdrew her name as Vice-president, substituting the name of Mrs. J. C. Shelland, Morris. Mrs. W. F. Dougherty, Glenwood, was named to take the place of Mrs. E. J. Richie, Little Falls, Central Conference Director. The report of the Committee as thus amended was accepted and the Recording Secretary authorized to cast the ballot for the officers therein named. The ballot was so cast.

Mrs. Dickinson, St. Paul, asked an expression of thanks to Mrs. A. W. Norton, our faithful and efficient Treasurer for eight years, which was most enthusiastically given.

Adjourned.

Wednesday, 10 *a. m.*—

Mrs. E. S. Wick, St. Paul, as third member of Anoka Conference Directors, and Mrs. G. R. Merrill as additional Vice-president, were elected *viva voce*.

Letters were read from some of our representatives at the front, giving interesting details of their work.

The address of Miss Honora De Busk, for four years a teacher in New Mexico, was very entertaining and gave a most vivid idea of the people and the conditions under which they are living.

Professor Newell, representing Piedmont College, Ga., spoke concerning the great good which is being done by that institution in bringing together for the first time the four distinct classes of southern whites.

Mrs. Woodbury's address was also along the line of Southern Education and emphasized the great need of our A. M. A. schools for both the white and colored people.

A most fitting devotional service led by Mrs. W. A. Warren, Lake City, closed an unusually interesting and helpful session.

Adjourned.

The hour with the Association was most profitably filled with addresses by Mrs. Woodbury on the Southern Problem and Miss De Busk on the Needs of New Mexico.

ROSA O. BRISTOL,
Recording Secretary.

MINNESOTA BRANCH

OF THE

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE INTERIOR.

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Auditor—Mrs. William W. Morse, 119 Bedford Ave. S. E., Minneapolis.

A session of the Minnesota Branch was held Thursday afternoon, Oct. 5th. Miss Margaret J. Evans of Northfield, President, presided.

In the absence of the treasurer Mrs. L. E. Jepson made a brief statement of the finances.

Addresses were made by Miss Holt, Field Secretary, and Rev. Sidney Strong of Chicago.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

YEAR		PLACE.	MODERATOR.	PREACHER AND TEXT.
1	56	St. Anthony	Rev. Sherman Hall	Rev. W. R. Stevens; John 1: 4.
2	57	Prescott, Wis.	Rev. L. Armsby	Rev. C. B. Sheldon; II Cor. 4: 7.
3	58	Faribault	Rev. D. Andrews	Rev. Richard Hall; Rev. 11: 15.
4	59	Winona	Rev. C. Secombe	Rev. L. Armsby; Rev. 3: 8.
5	60	St. Paul	Rev. D. Burt	Rev. D. Andrew; Isa. 55: 10, 11.
6	61	Anoka	Rev. O. Thomas	Rev. A. S. Fisk; Phil. 4: 6.
7	62	Northfield	Rev. Chas. Shedd	Rev. Chas. Shedd; II Thes. 2: 18.
8	63	Lake City	Rev. W. R. Stevens	Rev. J. W. Millen; John 17; 20, 21.
9	64	Rochester	Bro. C. M. Goodsell	Rev. C. Seccombe; Prov. 14: 10.
10	65	Minneapolis	Bro. R. G. Lincoln	Rev. D. Burt; Eph. 2: 1.
11	66	Faribault	Bro. W. G. Copp	Rev. A. B. Smith; Matt. 33: 8.
12	67	St. Cloud	Pres. J. W. Strong, D. D.	Rev. E. J. Hart; Luke 19: 11, 27.
13	68	Austin	Bro. S. W. Furber	Rev. A. Fuller; Job. 40: 3; 42: 5, 27.
14	69	Owatonna	Bro. J. L. Noyes	Rev. E. Gale; John 4; 22, 12.
15	70	Northfield	Bro. R. J. Baldwin	Rev. W. B. Dana; Mark 4: 28.
16	71	St. Anthony	Pres. J. W. Strong, D. D.	Rev. C. C. Salter, D. D.; Isa. 40: 3.
17	72	Lake City	Rev. S. H. Barteau	Rev. E. M. Williams, D. D.; Rom. 1: 16.
18	73	St. Paul	Bro. H. W. Page	Rev. H. M. Tenney, D. D.; Phil. 2: 15.
19	74	Winona	Rev. H. A. Stimson, D. D.	Rev. C. M. Terry; I Cor. 6: 9, 17.
20	75	Minneapolis	Rev. L. H. Cobb, D. D.	Rev. J. W. Ray; Rom. 1: 16.
21	76	Austin	Rev. E. M. Williams, D. D.	Rev. George A. Wood; Eph. 3: 8.
22	77	Faribault	Rev. David Burt	Rev. C. W. Merrill; II Tim. 4: 2.
23	78	Mankato	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D. D.	Rev. J. H. Morley; Matt. 16: 19, 16.
24	79	Minneapolis	Hon. A. H. Young	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D. D.; Heb 11: 1.
25	80	Northfield	Rev. L. W. Chaney	Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, D. D.; Matt. 23: 8, 10.
26	81	Rochester	Rev. Geo. A. Hood	Rev. C. E. Wright, D. D.; Matt. 11: 4.
27	82	St. Paul	Bro. H. W. Page	Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D.; Matt. 16: 14, 15.
28	83	Lake City	Rev. J.W. Bradshaw, D.D.	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D.; Isa. 50: 4.
29	84	St. Cloud	Rev. M. W. Montgomery	Prof. A. H. Pearson; Phil. 1: 21.
30	85	Winona	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D.	Rev. H. C. Hovey, D. D., Jer. 32: 8.
31	86	Minneapolis	Rev. C. W. Merrill	Rev. John H. Crum, D. D.; I Tim. 1: 19.
32	87	Fergus Falls	Prof. Geo. Huntington	Rev. M. W. Montgomery; Isa. 21:6; I Cor. 2:2.
33	88	Owatonna	Rev. C. E. Wright, D. D.	Rev. J. W. Hargrave; II Tim. 2: 15.
34	89	St. Paul	Rev. S. V. S. Fisher	Rev. I. L. Cory; Luke 12:33.
35	90	Northfield	Rev. G. R. Merrill, D. D.	Rev. E. M. Noyes; Matt. 5: 13.
36	91	Duluth	Rev. H. W. Gleason	Rev. A. H. Heath, D. D.; Rom. 1: 15.
37	92	Minneapolis	Rev. J. F. Taintor	Rev. J. A. Chamberlain; John 14: 12.
38	93	St. Paul	Rev. Smith Baker, D. D.	Rev. L. L. West, D. D.; Mark 13: 37.
39	94	Austin	Bro. C. W. Hackett	Rev. J. E. McConnell; I Chron. 12: 32.
40	95	Alexandria	Hon. D. C. Bell	Rev. S. G. Smith, D. D.; Matt. 6: 11.
41	96	Faribault	Rev. G. E. Soper	Rev. T. Merrill Edmands; Phil. 1: 9.
42	97	Montevideo	Dean Horace Goodhue	Rev. John A. Stemen; Luke 24: 36.
43	98	Owatonna	Rev. R. S. Cross	Rev. J. W. Todd; Rom. 8: 19.
44	99	Rochester	Hon. Lyndon A. Smith	Rev. S. J. Rogers; I Cor. 10: 21.
45	00	Northfield	Rev. L. L. West, D. D.	Rev. J. F. Taintor; Rev. 19: 10.
46	01	Minneapolis	Hon. D. P. Jones	Rev. Wm. H. Medlar; Isa. 49:9, and Num. 23:23
47	02	Fergus Falls	Rev. Alexander Milne	Rev. Herman P. Fisher. Acts 13: 2.
48	03	St. Paul	Rev. S. G. Smith, D. D.	Rev. Henry Holmes; Luke 24:40.
49	04	Duluth	Hon. A. A. Miller	Rev. L. H. Hallock, D. D.: 2 Cor. 4:18.
50	05	Winona	Rev. F. H. Ochler	Rev. Geo. S. Rollins, Acts I.: 14.

RECORDING SECRETARIES.

Rev. C. B. Sheldon	1859—1861.	Rev. H. Bumsted	1873—1874
Rev. A. K. Packard	1862—1864.	Rev. C. A. Hampton	1875—1876
Rev. J. F. Dudley	1866—1867.	Bro. Wm. Cheney	1877—1878
Rev. L. S. Griggs	1868—1869.	Rev. Geo. A. Hood	1879—1881
Rev. H. A. Stimson, D. D	1870—1872.	Rev. W. A. James	1882—1883

CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

Rev. C. Seccombe	1856—1858.	Rev. C. C. Salter, D. D	1871—1872
Rev. D. Burt	1859—1867.	Rev. N. C. Chapin	1873—1877
Rev. A. Fuller	1867—1870.	Rev. L. W. Chaney	1878—1883

STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

Rev. C. Seccombe	1858—1870.	Bro. W. Cheney	1876—1878
Rev. R. Hall	1871—1875.	Rev. Geo. A. Hood	1879—1881
Rev. J. B. Fairbank	1882—1889.		

Secretary: Rev. S. W. Dickinson ..... 1889—1901.
" Rev. Samuel J. Rogers ..... 1901.

THE CONFERENCES.

I. ANOKA CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: St. Paul, Plymouth Church, May 1st, 1906.

REGISTRAR: Rev. Samuel J. Rogers, Minneapolis.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. F. A. Summer, Rev. W. A. Snow, C. J. Hunt.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CLERKS
Anoka	134	Edwin Ewell	E. E. Curial.
Brownton	30	James Earl	J. P. West.
Cottage Grove	74	J. E. Brierley	J. P. Furber.
Elk River	154	A. E. Cutler	Mrs. A. W. F. Nickerson.
Excelsior	158	Carl J. Swain	Miss Ella M. Stratton.
Fair Oaks	12		Mrs. F. A. Blanchard.
Gaylord	37	Henry B. Beard	Miss Lydia A. Strebel.
Glencoe	135	Fred L. V. Meske	L. W. Gilbert.
Groveland	12	Carl J. Swain	Mrs. Ida C. Waters.
Hutchinson	149	Edwin L. Brooks	Miss Emily Michka.
Lakeland	25	J. E. Brierley	Miss Anna Rockstroh.
Minneapolis First	581	Clement G. Clark	Frahklin Lyon.
" Plymouth	901	Leavitt H. Hallock, Harold Hunting, Ass. Pas.	E. A. Strong.
" Park Avenue	556	George S. Rollins	William M. Bristoll.
" Pilgrim	532	Frederick A Summer	E. C. Scarsborough.
" Vine	127	John S. Rood	John R. Williams.
" Como Avenue	105	Hobart K.Painter	George M. Furber.
" Union, St. L. Park	59	Geo. F. Swinnerton	Mrs. Joseph Hamilton.
" Open Door	128	W. G. Carlson	Mrs. James A. Donaldson.
" Lyndale	494	Charles E. Burton	F. L. Frary.
" Fremont Avenue	239	Charles A. Hilton	G. R. Hadden.
" Fifth Avenue	272	James E. Smith	Dea. A. M. Burch.
" Meizpah, Hopkins	48	Jas. W. Danford	Mrs. Esther Gould.
" Bethany	103	David A. Richardson	Mrs. B. A. Eaton.
" Robbinsdale	96	Donald G. Colp	Charles W. Hayes.
" Lowry Hill	281	Henry Holmes	Daniel P. King.
" First Scandinavian	34		Dea. Olaf. Strand.
" Oak Park	119	Luther C. Talmage	Mrs. A. H. Cheese.
" Frest Heights	139	Stanley M. Humby	E. Mason.
" Temple, Swedish	173	Alfred P. Engstrom	Alex. Lofgren.
" Thirty-Eighth St	67	Geo. E. Albrecht	B. F. Coffin.
" Edina Mills	24	Geo. F. Swinnerton	Mrs. Elizabeth Dochen.
" Linden Hills	156	Chas. H. Maxwell	Dr. E. Franklin Hertz.
" Minnehaha	16		C. B. Benedict.
Milaca	27	David P. Olin	E. L. Kingbury.
New Brighton	20	W. G. Carlson	Mrs. Frank S. Gregson.
North Branch	35	Thos. W. Spanswick	J. G. Rider.
Princeton	66	John R. Henderson	Elgro McMillan.
St. Paul, Plymouth	236	Clement C. Campbell	Warren Upham.
" Pacific	234	Alfred A. Secord	John M. Boxell.
" Atlantic	106	Matt Evans	Geo. D. Hammond.
" Park	362	Alexander McGregor	Henry E. Smith.
" St. Anthony Park	210	Edwin S. Pressey	Henry L. Hunter.
" Bethany	108	David T. Jenkins	E. J. Souther.
" Olivet, Merriam Park	108	J. C. Felthouse	William J. Gray.
" South Park	69	Clement C. Campbell	Emma Beards.
" Peoples	530	Samuel G. Smith, Walter A. Snow, Asso. Pas.	Ira Oehler.
" University Ave	51	Alexander D. Smith	Miss Stella Winge.
" Hazel Park		Alexander D. Smith	
" St. Paul's	75	Cornelius Richert	A. Koerner.
Sandstone	21	Emil A. Anderson	August Walden.
Silver Lake	97	Vaclav. Prucha	Frank Totusek.
Spencer Brook, Oxlip	58	C. F. Olson	Andrew Dundee.
Stewart	28	James Earl	A. Eynon.
Stillwater	90	John W. Dickson	Miss Edna Parsons.
Sunrise	8	Thomas W. Spanswick	Mrs. C. Spivak.
Wayzata	57	W. A. Black	Mrs. Mabel G. Ferrell.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:—Eben M. Betts, Carl B. Bjuge, Alden H. Clark, C. H. Crawford, Samuel W. Dickinson, Charles B. Fellows, Samuel V. S. Fisher, Americus Fuller, Richard Hall. Robert P. Herrick, Daniel H. Magnus, J. Bruce Mather, George R. Merrill, C. H. Moxie Jairus L. Nott, William Oehler, John F. Okerstein, Henry W. Parsons, Philip Reitinger, Alvah D. Roe, Samuel J. Rogers, Ernest W. Shurtleff, Esther Smith, Arthur H. Tebbets, Charles J. Trcha, Tell A. Turner, Daniel E. Wilson, Henry K. Wingate, W. A. Vrooman.

II. CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Monticello, June 19, 1906.

REGISTRAR: George L. Treat, Alexandria.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. J. Buswell, and Rev. W. C. A. Waller, Rev. Wm. Fletcher.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Alexandria	232	William J. Paske	George L. Treat.
Big Lake (Union)	34	William Fletcher	Albert J. Johnson.
Burtrum	14	A. G. Washington	Miss Ida R. Burch.
Cable, Clear Lake	33	W. N. Payne	Mrs. M. J. Ayers.
Clarissa	11	J. L. Hanna	Mrs. M. A. Thayer.
Clearwater	57		Miss Grace Whiting.
Foreston	6	Nels J. Bolin	John Lindman.
Glenwood	92	George Porter	Mrs. J. Cozier.
Grey Eagle	23	A. G. Washington	Mrs. Ora Hill
Hasty	33		Mrs. Sarah Sheldon.
Little Falls	214	Wm. C. A. Waller	Mrs. O. C. Trace.
Monticello	70	W. M. Evans	Mrs. Ada F. Bertram.
Orrock (Union)	5		Miss Grace Craig.
Paynesville	102		L. M. Bennett.
Pillsbury	11		E. D. Smith.
Round Prairie	63	J. Frank Locke	Miss Ella Pentz.
St. Cloud			
St. Cloud and Sauk Rapids Swedish	50	Ernst V. Borklund	John Erickson.
Sauk Center	158	F. H. Oehler	James A. Norris.
Sauk Rapids	34	W. N. Payne	James Bunn.
Starbuck	18	Edward N. Ruddock	Mrs. S. J. Rasmussen.
Swanville	18	A. G. Washington	Mrs. Belle Flood.
Upsala (Swedish)	111	Anton Olson	Gust Nelson.
Villard	25		L. F. McKenzie.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:—Jesse Buswell, David Donovan, George F. Morton, Robert G. Moore.

III. DULUTH CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Brainerd, First, May 22, 1906.

REGISTRAR: Rev. Alexander Milne, Duluth.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. Alexander Milne, Rev. George Michael, Rev. H. W. Johnson.

CHURCHES	NO MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Aitkin	42	James L. Jones	Andrew Gray.
Biwabik	20	H. H. Stutson	Dr. Chas. W. Bray.
Brainerd, First	112	E. A. Allin	Christian Bruhn.
" Peoples	46	Edward P. Kuhl	Mrs. Allen Clark.
Duluth, Pilgrim	430	Alexander Milne	Fred LeRoy.
Duluth, West Plymouth	59	Harry W. Johnson	R. M. Weaver.
Walker	19	George Michael	Rev. Geo. Michael

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:—Allen Clark, Jeremiah Kimball, E. A. Mirick.

IV. MANKATO CONFERENCE.

MEETINGS: Tuesday nearest full moon in May and November.

SECRETARY: Rev. William Hubbard, Sherburn.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. Edgar L. Heermance, Mankato; J. E. Robinson, Fairmont; Rev. Wm. B. Hubbard, Sherburn; C. F. Hunt, New Richmond.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Belgrade, Mankato	63	Geo. E Brown	Mrs. Frank Jefferson.
Center Chain	24	Richard Watt	J. V. Livingston.
Ceylon	39	Richard Watt	Miss Nellie Andrews.
Edgerton	66	A. S. Willoughby	Mrs. L. A. Gulick.
Ellsworth	25	Edward Wilson	Mrs. Lulu Barnes.
Elmore	42	J. H. O. Harwell, (Lic.)	Wm. J. Schultz.
Fairmont	196	Thomas. A. Dungan	Mrs. A. H. Smith.
Freeborn	46	Wilbur Fisk	Mrs. Abby Olson.
Freedom, Cream	19	Albert R. Brown, (Lic.)	Samuel O. Garlick.
Granada	41	Otis D. Crawford	Mrs. S. Cooper.
Kasota (Swedish)	36	Carl G. Anderson, Sw. Mis.	A. Dahlgren.
Mankato, First	144	Edgar L. Heermance	Mrs. Thomas Hughes
" Second	58	Carl G. Anderson, Sw. Mis.	Claus Swenson.
Mapleton	50	F. L. H. Von Lubken	Wm. L. McQueen.
New Richmond	45	Wilbur Fisk	J. Frank Hunt.
Salem, Cambria	80	Thomas Griffith	Henry J. Hughes.
Sherburn	83	W. B. Hubbard	Geo. A. Sutherland.
Waseca	118	Allison D. Adams	F. W. Roth.
Worthington	139		Dr. Geo. O. Moore.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:—Allison D. Adams, George E. Brown, Elijah Carter, Otis D. Crawford, Wilbur Fiske, Edgar L. Heermance, William B. Hubbard, Andrew P. Nelson, Hobart K. Painter, Richard Watt, Albert S. Willoughby.

V. MINNESOTA VALLEY CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Dawson, May 22, 1906.

REGISTRAR: D. T. Wheaton, Morris.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. F. L. V. Meske, Rev. Wm. J. Brown, and Rev. S. Heath.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Appleton	67	Albert W. Monosmith	Mrs. May Webster.
Belview	38	Geo. R. Searles	Miss Amy Adsit.
Benson	91	S. Heath	Mrs. W. A. Foland.
Campbell	29	D. Otis Bean	Mrs. Carrie Meachler.
Chokio	20	Henry W. Mote	R. A. Johnson.
Correll	16	Albert W. Monosmith	Mrs. E. J. White.
Dawson	86	Rowland S. Cross	Miss Lottie C. Grow.
Graceville	42	Henry W. Mote	Mrs. C. S. Pierce.
Granite Falls	46	Henry C. Todd	Miss Carrie D. Barnes.
Hancock	90	John T. Killen	Mrs. Frank Angier.
Madison	63	S. S. Seibert	Dr. J. W. Smith.
Marietta	19	R. A. Cunningham	Mrs. A. C. Miller.
Montevideo	100	Wm. J. Brown	Andrew M. Parker.
Morris	85	J. C. Shelland	D. T. Wheaton.
Nassau	11	R. A. Cunningham	H. S. Bragg.
Ortonville	104	Norrison E. Hannant	Samuel Chapman.
Seaforth	14	Geo. R. Searles	D. H. Patchin.
Tintah	23	D. Otis Bean	Mrs. Winnie E. Putnam.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:—Clement M. G. Harwood, Eli C. Lyons, Fred L. V. Meske, Otis A. Starr.

VI. NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Moorhead, Thursday, June 21st, 1906.

REGISTRAR: C. R. Andrews, Ada.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: A. A. Miller, Crookston, George E. Perley, Moorhead, Rev. H. W. Stiles, Ada.

CHURCHES.	NO. MEMS	MINISTERS.	CHURCH CLERKS.
Ada	64	H. William Stiles	Fred L. Hampson.
Akeley	53	L. D. Arnold	Rev. L. D. Arnold.
Aldrich	10	E. E. Lindsley	Miss Hattie Ham..
Audubon	17		Mrs. L. S Cravath.
Bertha	28	J. L. Hanna	L. P. Leech.
Bagley	35	Albert C. Woodcock	Benj B Brown.
Barnesville	86		Albert J. Neukom.
Cass Lake	33	Daniel E. Wilson	Mis Dora M Olson.
Crookston	71	Edwin S. Shaw	William L. Vannet.
Detroit	72	William F. Trussell	Miss Bessie L. Furber.
Felton	10	Henry Symons	Miss Florence M. Fuller.
Fergus Falls	125		Dea. Peter Wisnor.
Fertile	36	John Peters	Augustave J. Demares.
Fosston	42		Prof. C. S Yeager.
Glyndon	47	E. P. Crane	H. L. Webb.
Hawley	82	Geo. H. Davies	Dea. Adna Colburn.
Kragness	17		Gustave K. Gunderson.
Lake Park	34		Mrs. Isabel E. Higley.
Maple Bay	6		Mrs L. A. Hunter.

NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE — CONTINUED.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
McIntosh	14	H. R. Harris	Mrs. Maggie Drew.
Mentor	4	H. R. Harris	
Moorhead	103	George A. Traut	Mrs. Fred Stalley.
New York Mills	13	E. E. Lindsley	Mrs. Jessie Miller.
Park Rapids	79		Miss Cora B. Witter.
Pelican Rapids	58	H. J. Taylor	Mrs. H. Palmer.
Perham	20		
Shevlin	11	Avery G. Parks	Mrs. Jackson.
Staples	99		Mrs. T. J. Sharkey
Turtle River	7		Cassius M. Booth.
Verndale	14		Miss Clara McMillan.
Wadena	141	William A. Bockoven	

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS: Richard H. Battey, Herman P. Fisher, William J. Conard, Lewis C. Frost, John L. Martin, David W. Morgan, H. O. Hammond, Frederich H. Oehler, Oscar M. Smith, Thos. W. Spanswick, John W. Todd.

VII. OWATONNA CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Austin, May 8, 1906.

REGISTRAR: Rev. James Parsons, Owatonna.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. J. H. Albert, Fairbault; Rev. Everett Lesher, Spring Valley; Rev. James Parsons, Owatonna.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Austin	363	Frank E. Knoph	Charles J. Sargent.
Cannon City, Dean.			
Cannon Falls	104	Josiah L. Keene	Mrs. Mary C. Clifford.
Cannon Falls Swedish	34	Nels J. Lundquist	Gust Volander.
Claremont	21		Mrs. J. A. Dodge.
Dexter	27	E. C. Lyons	Mrs. Jennie Shurman.
Dodge Centre	93	Geo. A. Swertfager	Mrs. Helen L. Larson.
Faribault	427	John H. Albert	J. J. Dow.
Grand Meadow	43	E. C. Lyons	John De Young.
Lyle	20	C. A. Ruddock	L. A. Sherman.
Mantorville	168	Jesse Buswell	Mrs. James McLaughlin.
Medford	81	Paul Winter	Daniel A. Mckinley.
Morristown	62	Jas. D. Ma on	Mrs. E. L. Peterson.
Northfield	520	Edwin B. Dean	Miss Agnes E. Page.
Owatonna	281	James Parsons	J. A. Sawyer.
Rose Creek	19		Adeline Nelson.
Spring Valley	199	Everett Lesher	W. L. Kellogg.
Taopi	13		Wilbur F. Davis.
Waterville	29	Jas. D. Mason	Mrs. R. C. St. Germain.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:—George Huntington, John C. Huntington, William M. Jenkins, E. W. Lyman, James Oakey, Arthur H. Pearson, James W. Strong, S. B. Wilson, Cassius E. Wright, William H. Sallmon, Frank R. Snowden, Horace S. Wiley.

VIII. WESTERN CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Lamberton, June 12, 1906.

REGISTRAR: John H. Hjetland, Winthrop.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. J. W. Vallentyne, Rev. M. S. Hartwell.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Cornish	24	John H. Hjetland.	George Dunwell.
Custer	11	Francis Wrigley	R. Price.
Garvin	37	Francis Wrigley	W. W. Jones.
Lake Benton	34	Paul G. Viehe	Amos Porter.
Lake Stay, Arco	36		Mrs. Carrie Rhodes.
Lamberton	47	E. A. Mirick	A. A. McLellan.
Marshall	208	J. W. Vallentyne	Julius W. Humphrey.
New Ulm	47	Edward F. Wheeler	Herman Held.
Selma, Comfrey	27	Rufus Upton	F. W. Dewey.
Sleepy Eye	100	M. S. Hartwell	Isaac Gallagher.
Springfield	24	Rufus Upton	Mrs. M. P. Rowe.
Tyler	30		A. J. Cox.
Walnut Grove	38	C. H. Moxie	Mrs. Winifred Garlock.
Winthrop	47	John H. Hjetland	Mrs. A. A. H. Huebner.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:—George J. Battey, Enoch E. Rogers, C. A. Ruddock, Albert Warren.

IX. WINONA CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Wabasha, May 15, 1906.

REGISTRAR: Rev. Willis A. Warren, Lake City.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. W. B. Pinkerton, Wabasha; Rev. Percy E. Thomas, Winona; Rev. Chas. E. Curtis, Rochester.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Lake City	237	Willis A. Warren	Mrs. C. E. Dutcher.
Lake City Swedish	58	John R. Haggblom	S. P. Skoglund.
Mazeppa	17	S. T. Beatty	Mrs. J. W. Kingsley.
Plainview	124	William E. Griffith	J. W. Burnham.
Rochester	184	Charles H. Curtis	J. W. Soule.
St. Charles	76		A. F. Kuebler.
Stewartville	117	J. E. Henderson	Miss Midge Tuttle.
Wabasha	153	Wm. B. Pinkerton	Dr. C. H. Robinson.
Winona, First	367	Percy E. Thomas	Geo. Baumgartner.
" Second	55	Brandon Greenaway	Dea. E. H. Thresher.
" Scandinavian	28	Severt M. Andrewson	Morton L. Moe.
Zumbro Falls	32	S. T. Beatty	
Zumbrota	108	F. G. Wilcox	Bond Olson.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:—E. A. Anderson, E. Winthrop Jenney.

UNASSOCIATED CHURCHES.

CHURCHES	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Carlos, Alexandria		
Culdrum, Flensburg	Samuel Peterson	J. A. Rylander.
Elmdale, Holdingsford	Paul Jamarik	John Soltis.
Fontenac	Avery G. Parks	Frank M. Faber.
Franconia		
International Falls	W. R. McClane	C. B. Montgomery.
Lake Itasca		
Sacred Heart	Henry C. Todd	Miss Lena Winje.
Solway	Avery G. Parks	
Swanville, Swedish	M. N Wikholm	Christ Molde.
Twin Valley	Henry Symons	Mrs. Mary E. Niles.
Ulen	Henry Symons	Mrs. Lewis Lofgren.

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATION.

J. L. HANNA, ordained at Bertha, Sept. 28, 1905.

F. L. H. VON LUBKEN, ordained at Mapleton, July 20, 1905.

W. R. MCCLANE, ordained at International Falls, Nov. 12, 1905.

A. W. MONOSMITH, ordained at Appleton, Nov. 15, 1905.

PORTER GEORGE, ordained at Glenwood, Dec. 5, 1905.

REV. CLEMENT G. CLARK, installed pastor of First Congregational Church of Minneapolis, May 23, 1905.

CHURCHES ORGANIZED.

Elmore, Feb. 28, 1905.

Aldrich, May 18, 1905.

International Falls, Nov. 12, 1905.

NECROLOGY.

REV. HENRY LEWIS CHASE, born at Westford, Vt., Sept. 9, 1832. Died at Clifton Springs, N. Y. March 1st, 1905.

He was educated in Vermont and Colby Universities and Hartford and Andover Seminaries and ordained at North Carver, Vt. July 27, 1864. He was Chaplain in the civil war and served as pastor at North Carver, Vt. Dyersville and Green Mountain, Iowa, until 1882, when he removed to Minneapolis, where he has lived a quiet life beloved by all who knew him for more than twenty years. He was an active and helpful member of Plymouth Church, Minneapolis, and his wife, who survives him, was earnest and efficient in all good works until their removal, for her health, to Clifton Springs three years ago. A brother in the ministry, who has known him intimately in all the twenty years in this state, writes of Mr. Chase as an illustration of the Apostle's words, "But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another."

REV. REUBEN WESTON HARLOW was born in Plymouth, Mass., June 29th, 1829, and died at Park Rapids, Minn., June 2nd, 1905.

He was educated in the Methodist Episcopal Church and ordained at Barre, Vt., April 21st, 1861. His first pastorate in a Congregational Church was at Paola, Kansas, in 1884, and since that date he has served Congregational Churches in Kansas and Minnesota, residing for the last eleven years at Park Rapids. Married to Elizabeth Darling, March 27, 1860, who survives him. Three children, one son living. Cause of death was heart disease.

MINISTERIAL RECORD.

Adams, Allison D.....Waseca.
Albert, John H.....Faribault.
Albrecht, George E.....Minneapolis.
Allin, E. A., Lic.....Brainerd.
*Anderson, Carl G.....Mankato.
Anderson, Emil A.....Sandstone.
Andrewson, Severt M.....Winona.
Arnold, L. D.....Akeley.

Barnes, Albert E.....
Battey, George J.....Deadwood, S. D.
Battey, Richard H.....Minneapolis.
*Bean, D. Otis.....Campbell.
Beard, Henry B.....Minneapolis.
Beatty, S. T.....Mazeppa.
Betts, Eben M.....New York, N. Y.
*Bjorklund, Ernst V.....St. Cloud.
Bjuge, Carl B.....Chicago.
*Black, W. A.....Wayzata.
Bockhoven, William A.....Wadena.
Bolin, Nels J.....Foreston.
*Brierley, J. E.....Cottage Grove.
Brooks, Edward L.....Hutchinson.
Brown, George E.....Mankato.
Brown, Richard.....Portland, Oregon.
Brown, William J.....Montevideo.
Brown, Albert R., Lic.....St. Clair.
Burton, Charles E.....Minneapolis.
Buswell, Jesse.....Mantorville.

Campbell, Clement C.....St. Paul.
*Carlson, W. G.....Minneapolis.
Carter, Elijah.....Edgerton.
Clark, Alden H.....Vadala, India.
Clark, Allen.....Brainerd.
Clarke, Clement G.....Minneapolis.
*Colp, Daniel G.....Robbinsdale.
Conard, William J.....Park Rapids.
Cram, Delbert W.....Bettles, Alaska.
Crawford, C. H.....Bloomfield, Neb.
Crawford, Otis D.....Granada.

Cross, Roland S. ..... Dawson.
Cunningham, R. A ..... Nassau.
Curtis, Charles H ..... Rochester.
Danford, James W ..... Hopkins.
Darling, Marion ..... Chicago, Ills.
Dascomb, Arthur S ..... Ada, I. T.
*Davies, George H ..... Hawley.
*Dean, Edwin B ..... Northfield.
Dickinson, S. W. Field Sec. A. B. S ..... St. Paul.
Dickson, John W ..... Stillwater.
Donovan, David ..... Dundas.
*Durgan, Thomas A ..... Fairmont.

Earl, James ..... Minneapolis.
Engstrom, Alfred P ..... Minneapolis.
Evans, Matt ..... St. Paul.
Evans, W. M. (Student) ..... Monticello.
Ewell, Edwin ..... Anoka.
Fellows, Charles B ..... Minneapolis.
Fisher, Herman P ..... Crookston.
Fisher, Samuel V. S ..... Minneapolis.
Fisk, Wilbur ..... Freeborn.
Frost, Lewis C ..... Harrison, Mich.
Fuller, Americus ..... Aintab, Turkey.
Gray, William J ..... Merriam Park.
Griffith, Thomas L ..... Cambria.
Griffith, William E ..... Plainview.
Gulick, Theodore ..... Orinoco.

Haggblom ..... Lake City.
Hall, Richard ..... St. Paul.
Hammond, H. O ..... Minneapolis.
Hanna, J. L ..... Bertha.
*Hannant, Norrison E ..... Ortonville.
Hallock, Leavitt H ..... Minneapolis.
Harwell, J. Henry Osgood, Lic ..... Elmore.
Hartwell, M. S ..... Sleepy Eye.
Harris, H. R ..... McIntosh.
Harwood, Clement M. S ..... Blue Hill, Me.
Heath, S ..... Benson.
Heermance, Edgar L ..... Mankato.
Henderson, John R ..... Princeton.
Herrick, Robert P ..... Minneapolis.
Hilton, Charles A ..... Minneapolis.
Hindley, George ..... Elk River.
Hjetland, John H ..... Winthrop.
Holmes, Henry ..... Minneapolis.

*Howard, T. W	Stratton Station, Ontario.
Hubbard, William	Sherburn.
Hulbert, Jay M	Richardson, Wis.
Hunting, Harold	Minneapolis.
Huntington, George	Northfield.
Huntington, John C	Dallas, Texas.
Humby, Stanley M	Minneapolis.
Jenkins, William M	Erwin, S. D.
Jenkins, David T	St. Paul.
Jenney, E. Winthrop	Huron, S. D.
Johnson, Harry W	West Duluth.
Jones, James L	Aitken.
Keene, Josiah L	Cannon Falls.
Kellogg, P. J	Dickinson, N. D.
Kimball, Jeremiah	Duluth.
Killen, John F	Hancock.
*Knoph, Frank E	Austin.
Kuhl, Edward P	Brainerd.
Lesher, Everett	Spring Valley.
Lindsley, E. E	New York Mills.
Locke, J. Frank	Long Prairie.
Lohr, George E	St. Paul.
*Lundquist, Nels J	Cannon Falls.
Lyons, Eli C	Minneapolis.
Lyman, E. W	Bangor, Me.
Mack, Charles A	Dwight, N. D.
Magnus, Daniel H	Minneapolis.
Mason, James D	Waterville.
Martin, John L	Moorland, Iowa.
MacLeod, W. T	Fosston.
Maxwell, Charles H	Minneapolis.
McGregor, Alexander	St. Paul.
Merrill, George R	Minneapolis.
Metcalf, Paul H	Quincy, Ills.
Meske, Fred L. V	Glencoe.
Michael, George	Walker.
Milne, Alexander	Duluth.
Moore, Robert G	Morton Park, Ills.
Mirick, E. A	Lamberton.
Morgan, David W	Exeter, N. H.
Mote, Henry W	Graceville.
Morris, Maurice B	Minneapolis.
Morrison, George M	Villa Park, Cal.
Morton, George F	Itasca Lake.
Moxie, Charles H	Walnut Grove.

Nelson, Andrew P.....Minneapolis.
Nott, Jairus L.....Minneapolis.

Oakey, James.....San Bernardino, Cal.
Oehler, Frederick H.....Sauk Centre.
Oehler, William.....Ortonville.
Okerstein, John F.....Minneapolis.
Olin, David P.....Milaca.
Olson, Anton.....Swanville.
Olson, C. F.....Oxlip.
Owen, William H.....New Paynesville.

Painter, Hobart K.....Minneapolis.
Parks, Avery G.....Leonard.
Parsons, Henry W.....Minneapolis.
Parsons, James.....Owatonna.
Paske, William J.....Alexandria.
Peters, John.....Fertile.
*Peterson, Karl E.....Sauk Rapids.
*Peterson, Samuel.....Flensburg.
Pearson, Arthur H.....Oberlin.
Pinkerton, William B.....Wabasha.
Pressey, Edwin S.....St. Anthony Park.
Porter, George.....Glenwood.
Prucha, Vaclav.....Silver Lake.

Reitinger, Philip.....Cleveland, Ohio.
Richardson, David A.....Minneapolis.
Richardson, Frank H.....Exira, Iowa.
Richert, Cornelius.....St. Paul.
Risser, Henry A.....Winona.
Roe, Alvah D.....Minneapolis.
Rogers, Enoch E.....Excelsior.
Rogers, Samuel J.....Minneapolis.
Rollins, George S.....Minneapolis.

Sallmon, William H.....Northfield.
Searles, George R.....Belview.
*Seibert, Samuel S.....Madison.
Shaw, Edwin S.....Crookston.
*Shelland, J. C.....Morris.
Schultz, Jacob K.....Elk River.
Shurtleff, Ernest W.....Frankfort, Germany.
Smith, Alexander.....St. Paul.
Smith, Esther.....St. Paul.
Smith, Frank N.....Tekoa, Washington.
Smith, James E.....Minneapolis.
Smith, Oscar M.....Java, N. Y.

Smith, Samuel G.....St, Paul.
Snow, Walter A.....St. Paul.
Snowden, F. R.....Tuxedo, Md.
Spanswick, T. W.....North Branch.
Starr, Otis A.....Excelsior.
Stevens, C. M.....Clearwater.
Stiles, Hubert W.....Ada.
Strong, James W.....Northfield.
Stutson, Henry H.....Biwabik.
Summer, Frederick A.....Minneapolis.
Symons, Henry, Lic.....Ulen.
Swain, Carl J.....Excelsior.
Swinnerton, George F.....St. Louis Park.

Talmage, Luther C.....Minneapolis.
Taylor, H. J.....Pelican Rapids.
Tebbets, Arthur H.....Minneapolis.
Todd, John W.....Centerville, S. D.
Todd, Henry C.....Granite Falls.
Traut, George A.....Moorehead.
Trcha, Charles J.....St. Paul.
Trussell, William F.....Detroit.
Turner, Tell A.....Cambridge, Mass.
Thomas, Percy E.....Winona.

Upton, Rufus P.....Springfield.

Vallentyne, James W.....Marshall.
Viehe, Paul G.....Lake Benton.
*Von Lubken, F. L. H.....Mapleton.

Wallar, William C. A.....Little Falls.
Warren, Albert.....Excelsior.
Warren, Willis A.....Lake City.
Washington Alonzo G.....Grey Eagle.
Watt Richard.....Ceylon.
Weber, Edwin E.....Galva, Iowa.
Wheeler, Edward F.....New Ulm.
Willoughby, Albert S.....Edgerton.
Wilcox, Frank G.....Zumbrota.
Wilkinson, William A.....Minneapolis.
Wilson, Daniel E.....Cass Lake.
Wilson, Sherman B.....Wilmette, Ill.
Winter, Paul.....Medford.
Wright, Cassius E.....Washington, D. C.
Wrigley, Francis.....Garvin.
Wingate, Henry K.....Cesarea, Turkey.
Wiley, Horace S.....Kellogg, Idaho,
Woodcock, Albert C.....Bagley.

N. B.—Names in foregoing list that are starred (*) are ministers who are not members of any conferences in Minnesota.

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MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION

OF MINNESOTA

HELD AT

PLYMOUTH CHURCH

MINNEAPOLIS

THE JUBILEE SERVICES

WERE HELD AT THE

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

OF MINNEAPOLIS

OCTOBER 2-4, 1906

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SPECIAL NOTICES!

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REMEMBER!

SCHEDULES FOR THE YEAR BOOK.

These will be sent to Pastors or Clerks about Dec 20. If not received before Dec. 25, notify the Secretary. Be careful to answer every question. It will help the Secretary much if these reports are sent in before Jan. 20. 1907.

Any corrections for the Year Book should be sent early to the Secretary.

The next annual meeting will be held with the Church at New Ulm, Oct. 1-3, 1907.

ILLUSTRATIONS.

We take pleasure in presenting the picture of *"The Pillsbury House"*—the memorial of Hon. Charles S. Pillsbury and wife, both of blessed memory in all the Congregational work of Minnesota. It is the gift of their sons, Charles S. and John S. Pillsbury, and is for the enlargement of work carried on at The Bethel mission for many years. We give this picture the place of honor upon our pages and ask our churches to compare this building—the first great enterprise of the new half century—with the plain school house at Point Douglas, Minn., where Rev. Richard Hall did his first pioneer work more than fifty years ago. This picture of the school house will precede the printed addresses of the Jubilee services and the cut of Mr. Hall's early home will come in at the close of the addresses. We have also secured a good picture of "Father Hall." He is now nearly ninety years of age.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

FOR SESSION OF 1906.

MODERATOR.

DEAN W. S. PATTEE.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR.

REV. HENRY HOLMES.

SCRIBE.

REV. WILLIAM J. BROWN.

ASSISTANT SCRIBE.

REV. EVERETT LESHER.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

REV. SAMUEL J. ROGERS.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE.

REV. ALEXANDER McGREGOR,
CALVIN DECKER,
REV. JOHN H. ALBERT.

OFFICERS FOR 1907.

Moderator, Rev. Willis A. Warren,
Assistant Moderator, Rev. George S. Rollins,
Scribe, Rev. Everett Lesher,
Preacher, Rev. Charles E. Burton.

Business Committee { Rev. J. H. Albert, Rev. L. H. Hallock, C. J. Hunt.

COMMITTEES AND DELEGATES

FOR 1906-1907.

BUSINESS.—Rev. J. H. Albert, Rev. L. H. Hallock, C. J. Hunt.

FINANCE AND PRINTING.—F. L. Frary, and Rev. Wm. J. Gray, Hiram A. Scriver.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Rev. Percy E. Thomas, Rev. H. K. Painter, Geo. H. Elwell.

ARRANGEMENTS.—Rev. E. F. Wheeler, G. A. Ottomeyer, E. T. Critchett.

TRUSTEES OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF.—Rev. S. V. S. Fisher, Harlan P. Roberts, and Walter N. Carroll, Hon. D. P. Jones, Rev. R. P. Herrick.

PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL MATTER.—Warren Upham, Rev. James W. Strong, Rev. S. V. S. Fisher.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.—Rev. C. H. Curtis, Rev. L. H. Hallock, Rev. Henry Holmes.

WINDOM INSTITUTE.—Rev. George E. Albrecht, Rev. E. L. Brooks, E. J. Miller.

CARLETON COLLEGE.—Rev. Clement G. Clarke, Rev. W. J. Paske, Rev. H. W. Johnson, Rev. A. D. Adams, Principal C. J. Suhl, Rev. A. C. Woodcock, Rev. E. B. Dean, Rev. Frank E. Knoph, Rev. M. S. Hartwell; Moderator, Rev. W. A. Warren.

STATE ADVISORY BOARD.—Rev. George S. Rollins, Rev. W. J. Gray, Rev. F. A. Sumner, E. D. Parker and Rev. Geo. R. Merrill, ex. officio.

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL COUNCIL.—Rev. J. H. Albert, Hon. W. H. Laird.

ALTERNATES.—Rev. Alexander Milne, W. S. Woodbridge.

COMMITTEE ON Y. M. C. A. AND Y. W. C. A. IN THE UNIVERSITY.—Rev. Clement G. Clarke, Rev. Henry Holmes, and Rev. S. V. S. Fisher.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE.—Rev. Clement G. Clarke, Rev. C. J. Swain.

MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The fifty-first Annual Meeting of the General Congregational Association of Minnesota, convened in Plymouth Congregational Church of Minneapolis, at two o'clock in the afternoon of Oct. 2nd, 1906, and after devotional services conducted by Rev. L. H. Hallock, was called to order by the Moderator, Dean W. S. Pattee.

Rev. Henry Holmes, Assistant Moderator, offered prayer. Rev. Everett Lesher, of Owatonna, was elected Assistant Scribe; Rev. L. H. Hallock gave the address of welcome from the churches of Minneapolis.

The Moderator appointed Rev. W. A. Warren, Rev. C. E. Burton and Rev. E. L. Heermance as the Committee on Nominations. The report of the Business Committee was made by Rev. Alexander McGregor and accepted. It was voted that the Communion Service be held on Thursday evening. The Committee of Arrangements reported.

The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and accepted. See Reports A and B. The Report of Committee on Finance and Printing was presented and its recommendations adopted. See report C.

The Committee on Historical matter reported and report was accepted. See report D. Rev. H. K. Painter read the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools which was adopted. See report E.

The report upon Windom Institute was given by Rev. C. A. Hilton and the report upon Carleton College was read by Prof. Wilson. Reports accepted. (See report F.)

The following Amendment to the Constitution as proposed a year ago was presented by Rev. S. G. Smith and adopted.

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE SIX.

This Association shall elect an Advisory Board of five members, of which the Home Missionary Superintendent shall be a member EX OFFICIO, the other four members to be elected as follows: The first year four members to be elected, one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, and one for four years, and thereafter one to be elected each year to serve for four years.

That it be the function of this board to act as a consulting body, and a bureau of information in regard to all the Congregational interests in the

State; to co-operate with and supplement the work of the Advisory Committees in the local associations; to gather and keep on file all available information in regard to our churches and ministers; to be ready to advise and assist, on application, in the bringing together of churches and ministers, and to act as a bureau of supply; to advise in matters submitted to them by the local committees, or by the churches or ministers; and in general, to aim to consolidate and strengthen the churches, to elevate the standard of the pastorate, and to quicken the fellowship united action of all.

PROVIDED, that in no way shall their action limit or interfere with the rights and liberties of the local churches.

Rev. S. G. Smith offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved. That the thanks of the Association are due and hereby voted to Messrs. Anderson of St. Paul, Jepson of Minneapolis and Laird of Winona for paying the expenses of the visitation of the Home Missionary fields of the State, undertaken by the Committee appointed by the directors of the Home Missionary Society as ordered, by the last session of the State Association.

The Committee on Nominations was directed to nominate a Committee of one member from each Conference to draft a Model Constitution for use in the local Conferences.

The report of the Committee on Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., in the State University was presented by Rev. Clement G. Clarke and was accepted, and its recommendations adopted. See report G. The work of the Sunday School and Publishing Society was presented by Rev. Robert P. Herrick, Superintendent for Minnesota.

Rev. R. R. Lloyd, D. D. of Illinois, then gave an address on "A visit to the study of St. Luke." Recess was taken until eight o'clock.

TUESDAY EVENING.

The session was opened with a selection by the church choir and prayer was offered by Rev. E. S. Williams. On motion the following message was sent to the northern California Congregational Association, now celebrating its fiftieth anniversary.

Greeting to you on your fiftieth anniversary from the Congregational association of Minnesota now celebrating our fiftieth anniversary at the First and Plymouth churches of Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 2nd, 1906.

W. S. PATTEE. Moderator.

This message was sent in care of Rev. Charles W. Merrill, of Saratoga, Cal., formerly a pastor in this state. The address of the Moderator Dean, W. S. Pattee on "The Obstacles to Spiritual Progress" was then given. Rev. Frank K. Sanders, D. D., of Boston, gave an address upon "The idea of God in Old Testament Prophecies." The offering taken for expenses of Association amounted to $24.25. The session adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCT. 3rd.

The session opened at nine o'clock, Rev. Henry Holmes Assistant Moderator presiding. Rev. E. F. Wheeler offered prayer.

Rev. Frank K. Sanders spoke on "Paul as a Missionary."

The Nominating Committee reported as follows:

For Committee on Credentials, Rev. S. J. Rogers, Rev. Everett Lesher and Rev. W. J. Brown.

Committee on Uniform Constitution for the Conferences:

Rev. Samuel G. Smith, St. Paul Conference; Rev. Geo. R. Merrill, Anoka; Rev. F. H. Oehler, Central; Alexander Milne, Duluth; Rev. Wm. B. Hubbard, Mankato; Rev. N. E. Hannant, Minnesota Valley; Hon. A. A. Miller, No. Pacific; Rev. C. H. Curtis, So. Eastern; Rev. E. F. Wheeler, Western.

Committee on Resolutions, Rev. H. P. Fisher, Rev. F. L. H. Von Lubken, Dr. George O. Moore.

Committee on Place and Preacher, Rev. F. A. Sumner, Mr. H. J. Jager, Rev. Alexander McGregor. Report was adopted.

Rev. W. W. Newell of Chicago, spoke in behalf of the Church Building Society. Rev. R. R. Lloyd gave an address on "The Laymen and Laywomen of the New Testament."

Half an hour was spent in devotional exercises, led by Rev. Everett Lesher. Rev. Theodore Clifton, D. D., of Chicago, spoke of the work of the Education Society. The Minutes up to date were read and approved.

JUBILEE SERVICES

AT THE

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Wednesday Afternoon and Evening, Oct. 3

The Program was carried out as follows, the Moderator presiding.

AFTERNOON, 3:30 TO 5:30 O'CLOCK.

MUSIC AND INVOCATION	REV. A. A. SECORD
GENERAL HISTORICAL SKETCH	REV. S. V. S. FISHER
THE PIONEERS.	REV. E. S. WILLIAMS, Saratoga, Cal.
CONGREGATIONAL WOMEN OF MINNESOTA	MISS MARGARET J. EVANS
OUR CONGREGATIONAL INSTITUTIONS	REV. GEO. R. MERRILL
REMINISCENCES OF THE EARLY DAYS	PROF. GEO. HUNTINGTON, and others.

Supper at Six O'clock

Served by the ladies of the First Congregational Church
to all the delegates and guests

TABLE TALKS in the church at 7 o'clock	REV. SAMUEL G. SMITH, REV. ALEXANDER MILNE, AND REV. ALEXANDER MCGREGOR. REV. LEAVITT H. HALLOCK, presiding.

EVENING, AT 8:00 O'CLOCK

Tenor Solo—"Dream of Paradise" *Gray*

MR. GEORGE MEADER

Half an hour of Olden Times with the Stereopticon

REV. ROBERT P. HERRICK

The Annual Sermon REV. JAMES W. STRONG

Text, Luke 12:15, The Law of Love the Law of a Noble Life.

A collection was taken for the Minnesota Ministerial Relief Association amounting to $118.00

All papers and addresses were referred to the Committee on Printing, and motion was made that Rev. Richard Hall, our oldest and only pioneer minister living, be brought to Plymouth Church on Thursday, that all may have an opportunity of seeing him once more.

Association adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 4th.

Singing by the Congregation and prayer by Rev. C. A. Ruddock. The moderator presiding.

The minutes of Wednesday afternoon and evening read and approved. The Secretary and Treasurer of the Ministerial Relief Society, Rev. S. V. S. Fisher, presented his reports, which were accepted.

On motion, after discussion, it was voted to appoint a committee of three to investigate present method of the Ministerial Relief Society and devise if possible a better one for providing funds and report at the next annual meeting.

The report of the Committee on Home Missionary fraternal visitation was ordered printed.

Rev. N. A. Palmer, Supt. of the Minnesota Anti-Saloon League, presented the work of the league, reporting its progress, and this was accepted in place of a report of the Committee.

Rev. Dr. Dewart from Northern Minnesota M. E. Confreence, now in session at the Hennepin Avenue M. E. Church, brought greetings from that body. After Dr. Dewart's address the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Minnesota Congregational Association regards with profound satisfaction the progress of the movement toward interdenominational union and desires to put itself on record as earnestly favoring the steps already taken and hopes that a still broader and more comprehensive union may in time be accomplished along the line of our Saviour's prayer "That they all may be one."

The following resolutions were adopted.

Whereas, The Board of Trustees of Andover Theological Seminary, in view of changed conditions, contemplate the affiliation of that institution with the Divinity School of Harvard University,

Resolved 1: That we recognize with devout gratitude to God the im-

measurable service performed by this historic and revered institution for the Kingdom of God through the Congregational Churches of our country;

Resolved 2: That we regard with commendation the endeavors of its Board of Trustees to introduce the institution under new conditions to a wider sphere of usefulness;

Resolved 3: That in view of the pressing need of preparing pastors for the foreign speaking churches of our Congregational order, notably among Scandinavians, Germans, Italians and others, and in view of the additional fact that Chicago Theological Seminary, which has been performing this service for many years at great sacrifice, but can do so no longer without considerable increase in its funds, we hereby respectfully and earnestly urge upon the Board of Trustees of Andover Theological Seminary the consideration of the fitness of that institution to take up this work for our foreign population, which has providentially been thrust upon our denomination;

Resolved 4: That these resolutions be incorporated in the records of this body, published in its minutes, and a copy be sent immediately to the Board of Trustees of Andover Theological Seminary.

By vote of the Association the moderator appointed Rev. Henry Holmes, Rev. Cornelius Richert and Rev. C. C. Campbell to bear greetings respectively to the Northern Minnesota M. E. Conference in session in this city, to the German M. E. Conference meeting now in Minneapolis, and the Minnesota M. E. Conference assembled in semi-centennial session at St. Paul.

Rev. S. W. Dickinson offered the following resolution in regard to Dr. Ingersoll, who is very ill, which was adopted:

Rev. E. P. Ingersoll, D. D., Montclair, N. J.

The Minnesota Congregational Association having learned of your continued illness desire to express its warm sympathy and brotherly affection with the assurance of our prayers for all due grace in this trial.

On motion the Advisory Board for Church oversight and ministerial supply were empowered to draw on the treasury of the Association in amount, not to exceed $100.00, for the necessary expenses of carrying on its work for the coming year. And the Committee on Finance and Printing were empowered to increase the assssment upon the Conferences one-half cent per member if it is needed.

The following resolution was presented and adopted:

That, Within two weeks after each Annual Association Meeting the Secretary notify in writing, every officer and every member of all Association Committees of their appointment, and of the duty which they are expected to perform; also,

That the Secretary, with the Moderator be authorized to fill all vacancies occurring in said Committee of the Association.

On motion the provision of the Constitution in reference to Election of Delegates to National Council was suspended and Committee on Nominations was instructed to report the names of delegates to the National Council October, 1907.

In accordance with the resolution passed on Wednesday, Rev. Richard Hall, now in his 90th year, was escorted to the platform and greeted with the Chatauqua Salute, the Assembly standing in his honor.

The following message was received from San Jose, California:

Dean W. S. Pattee, Moderator Congregational Association, Minneapolis: "The fiftieth meeting of General Association of California acknowledge and appreciate the message of love from Minnesota. We march together toward victory."

October 3rd, 1906. W. T. PATCHELL.

The Committee on Closer Unification of State Work asked for more time and continuation of Committee. The request was granted.

The Nominating Committee reported as follows:

COMMITTEE ON CARLETON COLLEGE.— Rev. Clement G. Clarke, Rev. W. J. Paske, Rev. H. W. Johnson, Rev. A. D. Adams, Principal C. J. Suhl, Rev. A. C. Woodcock, Rev E. B. Dean, Rev. Frank E. Knoph, Rev. M. S. Hartwell, and the Moderator of next Association, Rev. W. A. Warren.

ON PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL MATTER.—Warren Upham, Rev. Jas. W. Strong and Rev. S. V. S. Fisher.

ON WINDOM INSTITUTE.— Rev. George E. Albrecht, Rev. E. L. Brooks, E. J. Miller.

TRUSTEES OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF.—Hon. D. P. Jones and Rev. R. P. Herrick.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.—Rev C. H. Curtis, Rev. L. H. Hallock, Rev. Henry Holmes.

ON STATE ADVISORY BOARD.—Rev. Geo. S. Rollins, Chairman, for 2 years. Rev. W. J. Gray, for 3 years, Rev. F. A. Sumner, for 4 years. Mr. E. D. Parker, for 1 year, Rev. George R. Merrill, ex-officio.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE.—Rev. Clement G. Clarke, Rev. C. J. Swain.

ON BUSINESS.—Rev. John H. Albert, Rev. L. H. Hallock, Mr. C. J. Hunt.

ON ARRANGEMENTS.—Rev. E. F. Wheeler, G. A. Ottomeyer, E. T. Critchell.

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL COUNCIL.—Rev. J. H. Albert, Hon. W. H. Laird. Alternates.—Rev. Alexander Milne, W. S. Woodbridge.

HONORARY MEMBERS OF ASSOCIATION.—Rev. R. R. Lloyd, D. D.; Rev.

F. K. Sanders, D. D.; Rev. Theodore Clifton, D. D.: Rev. E. S. Williams and Rev. W. W. Newell.

The report of the Nominating Committee was adopted.

The Committee on Place and Preacher recommended New Ulm as the place of next meeting and Rev. C. E. Burton as preacher, with Rev. C. C. Campbell as alternate. Report was adopted.

Rev. Samuel G. Smith addressed the Association on "The Ministers, The Churches and The People." An interesting discussion followed.

"Solving the Labor Problem or a Study of Philemon," was the subject of Rev. R. R. Lloyd's last address.

Rev. Jas. W. Strong pronounced the benediction and Association adjourned, and by invitation of the Ladies of Plymouth Church, partook of lunch in church parlors.

The afternoon session of Thursday was given to Minnesota Home Missionary Society, The Woman's Home Missionary Union and Minnesota Branch W. B. M. I.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Session opened with singing by the Congregation, Rev. M. S. Hartwell offered prayer. The Choir sang an anthem.

Rev. Willis A. Warren was duly elected as moderator and Rev. Geo. S. Rollins as assistant moderator.

Rev. Everett Lesher was chosen scribe and Mr. J. M. Norris as auditor.

In the absence of Rev. W. L. Tenney, D. D., Mrs. Ida Vose Woodbury spoke in behalf of the American Missionary Association. The Congregation joined in singing "My Country 'tis of thee."

United States Senator Moses E. Clapp gave the principal address of the evening.

The Committee on Resolutions reported and report was adopted. See report H.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. Geo. R. Merrill and Rev. E. L. Brooks.

Rev. Clement G. Clarke and Rev. L. H. Hallock gave brief closing addresses and the Association adjourned.

W. S. PATTEE,
Moderator.
WILLIAM J. BROWN,
Scribe.

SAMUEL J. ROGERS,
Secretary.

ROLL OF THE ASSOCIATION.

ANOKA CONFERENCE.

Anoka—Rev. Edwin Ewell, Mrs. T. W. Murray, Mrs. Ella R. Thurston. *Browntown*—Rev. James Earl. *Excelsior*—Rev. C. J. Swain, Rev. D. A. Starr. *Elk River*—Rev. Alex. E. Cutler. *Glencoe*—Rev. F. L. V. Meske, Mrs. R. Meske, Mrs. C. Gutsche. *Groveland*—Miss Annie Chowen. *Hutchinson*—Mrs. Hattie T. Lewis. *Minneapolis First*—Clement G. Clarke, Mrs. H. E. Coleman, William H. Deering, Mrs. Leslie Crafts, Chas. H. Pratt, Mrs. Chas. H. Pratt, Geo. H. Elwell, Rev. A. H. Tebbets. *Plymouth*—Rev. L. H. Hallock, Rev. Harold Hunting, Harington Beard, J. E. Bell, Mrs. J. E. Bell, Mrs C. W. Wells. *Park Ave*—Rev. Geo. S. Rollins, Mrs. C. S. Chapman, Miss Bertha Hanneman. *Pilgrim*—Rev F. A. Sumner, L. E. Jepson, Mrs. L. E. Jepson, H. N. Leighton, Mrs. H. N. Leighton, S. W. Pond, Mrs. S. W. Pond, Mrs N. A. Smith, Mrs. F. Witwer, Harry Edwards, Mrs. F. A. Armbrusta, Mrs. M. K. Millikin, G. A. Leighton, E. C Scarborough, *Como Ave.*—Rev. H. K. Painter, James F. Elwell, C. M. Way. *Vine*—Rev. John S. Rood, Mrs. J. S. Rood, Mrs. V. Coleman, Mrs. S. V. S. Fisher. *Union*—Rev. R. S. Cross, Mrs. S. F. Hamilton, Mrs. E. M. Pierce, Mrs. Geo. Whipple. *Open Door*—Rev. Walter G. Carlson, E. A. Cadwell, Mrs. W. J. Morgan, *Lyndale*—Rev. C. E. Burton, Miss A. A. Abbott, Miss Emma V. White, Mrs. J. O. Griffith. *Fifth Avenue*—Louis L. Sutherland, Mrs. E. M. Conant, Rev. Robert P. Herrick, Rev. R. H. Battey. *Fremont Ave*—Rev. C. A. Hilton, B. F. Granger, F. H. Nutter. Mrs. D. L. Moody, W. Scott Coe. *Hopkins*—Rev. J. W. Danford. *Bethany*—Rev. D. A. Richardson, Mrs. D. A. Richardson, Mrs. Anna Ferree, S. E. Ranney, Mrs. S. E. Ranney. *Lowry Hill*—Henry Holmes, Chas. F. Keyes, Henry B. Beard. *Oak Park*—Rev. L. C. Talmage, Frank Parmelee, Mrs. V. Stough. *Forest Heights*—Rev. S. M. Humby. *Thirty Eighth St*—Rev. George E. Albrecht, Mrs. L. B. Bates, Mrs. T. V. Vose. *Linden Hills*—Rev. P. A. Cool, Dr. W. P. Dickinson, Mrs. W. P. Dickinson, Mrs. Grace F. Gray, B. L. Scott, G. H. Shotwell. *Milaca*—Rev. D. P. Olin. *New Brighton*—Mrs. F. S. Gregson *Princeton*—Rev. John R. Henderson, Mrs. John R. Henderson. *Silver Lake*—Rev. Vaclay Prucha, Frank J. Totusek. *Stewart*—Mrs. A. F. Avery, Miss L. B. Eynon. *Wayzata*—Rev. W. A. Black, Mrs. W. A. Black, Mrs. Nels. Martinson. *Elmdale*—Rev. Paul Jamarik.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

Alexandria—J. Willis Knox, Mrs. Purdon, Miss Raiter, *Big Lake*—Rev. Wm. Fletcher. *Cable*—Miss Emma Gaumnitz, Miss Florence Gaumnitz.

Clarissa—Mrs. Nutting. *Clearwater*—H. C. Payne. *Little Falls*—Rev. Clinton A. Billig, E. M. McIntyre. *Sauk Centre*—Rev. Frederick H. Oehler, C. A. Emerson. *Sauk Rapids*—Rev. W. N. Payne, Emma Stanton. *Burtrum*—Rev. A. G. Washington.

DULUTH CONFERENCE.

Brainerd First—Rev. Ernest E. Allin, C. Bruhn. *Duluth Pilgrim*—Rev. Alexander Milne, W. S. Woodbridge, L. Ella Roe. *West Duluth Plymouth*—Claud Kindy.

MANKATO CONFERENCE.

Ceylon—Rev. Richard Watt, Mrs, Richard Watt. *Belgrade*—Rev. George E. Brown. *Fairmont*—Rev. T. A. Dungan, Mrs. T. A. Dungan, Mrs. W. F. Lasby, *Freeborn*—Rev. Wilbur Fisk, Miss Gertrude Miller, Miss Bercy Scott. *Freedom*—Estella Geary, S. O. Garlick. *Mankato*—Rev. E. L. Heermance, C. H. Cooper, Mrs. C. H. Cooper. *Mapleton*— Rev. F. L. H. Von-Lubken. *Sherburn*—Rev. W. B. Hubbard, Mrs. W. B. Hubbard, G. A. Sutherland. *Waseca*—Rev Alison D. Adams, Mrs. A. D. Adams, Mrs. S. P. Garland. *Worthington*—George O. Moore.

MINNESOTA VALLEY CONFERENCE.

Appleton—Rev A. W. Monosmith. *Benson*—Rev. S. Heath. *Granite Falls*—Rev. H. C. Todd, Mrs. H. C. Todd. *Hancock*—Mrs. Beggs. *Montevideo*—Rev. W. J. Brown, Mrs. W. J. Brown, Hon. Lyndon A. Smith. *Morris*—D. T. Wheaton. *Ortonville*—Mrs. A. L. Moore, Mrs. J. Newton. *Nassau*—Rev. R. A. Cunningham. *Madison*—Rev. Samuel S. Seibert.

NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

Ada—Rev. H. Symons. *Akely*—Rev. L. D. Arnold, Mrs. A. M. Davis. *Bagley*—Rev. A. C. Woodcock. *Crookston*—Hon. A. A. Miller, Mrs. A. A. Miller, Rev. Herman P. Fisher. *Detroit*—Rev. Wm. F. Trussell. *Fergus Falls*—Rev. E. L. Brooks, Miss Helen Jewett. *Fertile*—Rev. John Peters. *Moorhead*—Rev. G. Albert Traut, F. A. Weld, Hon. Geo. E. Perley. *Shevlin*—Rev. Avery G. Parks. *Staples*—Rev. Corwin Vincent. *Wadena*—Rev. W. A. Bockoven. *Turtle River*—Rev. W. J. Conard.

ST. PAUL CONFERENCE.

Cannon Falls—Rev. J. L. Keene, Mrs. C. E. Davidson. *Cottage Grove*—Rev. C. H. B. Seliger, Mrs. F. Crippen, A. Adel Thompson. *Faribault*—Rev. J. H. Albert, Mrs. J. H. Albert, Mrs. Wenkley, J. N. Tate, Mrs. J. N. Tate. *Marine Mills*—Percy Empson. *St. Paul: Plymouth*—Rev. Clement C. Campbell, J. D. Humphrey, Mrs. Laura Ballard, Miss Catherine W. Nichols, Warren Upham, Rev. Richard Hall. *Pacific*—Rev A. A. Secord,

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REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Rev. Samuel J. Rogers.

Reports of various kinds have been received from all but eight of the churches upon the roll of the Year Book. One of these has passed over to another denomination and another has disbanded and turned over property valued at $2,000 or more, to the Church Building Society. Of the six churches not heard from not one has any pastoral care. We can only hope for the reviving of the work in some of these places. In spite of the delay occasioned by some strong churches Minnesota's report was the fifth received at Boston by the Secretary of the National Council.

It was the most satisfatory report the present secretary has made out, and shows the largest increase in members of any year in the history of our association. More than 2,000 members were received on confession of faith and the net increase is 1,575. So that we have now 20,948 members, or an average of nearly 100 members for each church. Since Jan. 1st many of our churches have had large accessions so that this fiftieth year has indeed been a year of great rejoicing.

There has been an increase of 757 members in our Sunday Schools, and a slight increase in the work of the Christian Endeavor Societies. There has been an increase in benevolent contributions, but the apparently large increase is due to a few individuals in one of our churches.

It still remains true that the zero is too common a figure on our statistical page of beneficence. The names of the churches dropped from the roll are Dorset, Foreston, Hamilton, Lake Emily, Lake View, Solway, Welch and Wiscoy, and later Hudson and St. Cloud. The names added are Aldrich, Elmore, International Falls, Marine Mills, Nymore and Wondel Brook.

Cyril Chapel—Bohemian—St. Paul, Hill City and Comfrey have been organized this year.

In other places the preparation for organizing churches is going on, and while we have not yet increased the number of our churches we feel that the power for real work is increasing.

The redistricting of the conferences has been carried out in accordance with the recommendations of the association of 1905 except that the church of Faribault has united with the St. Paul Conference, and Marine Mills and Cyril Chapel have also joined St. Paul Conference.

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REPORT OF TREASURER OF ASSOCIATION.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury Sept. 29, 1905, as per last report	$ 245.68
Anoka Conference, balance 1905	30.00
Anoka Conference, on account of 1906	200.00
Central Conference, on account of 1905	36.35
Central Conference, on account of 1906	9.00
Duluth Conference, in full 1906	26.00
Mankato Conference, on account of 1906	30.00
Minnesota Valley Conference, dues of 1905	36.00
Northern Pacific Conference, balance of 1905	25.00
Northern Pacific Conference, in full 1906	50.00
South Eastern Conference, on account 1906	65.00
St. Paul Conference, in full 1906	135.00
Western Conference, in full 1906	26.00
Winona Conference, balance of 1905	17.00
	$931.03

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of Association of 1905	$ 92.50
Remitted to National Council	190.59
Printing and distributing minutes	200.00
Salary of Secretary	150.00
Postage, express, printing and stationery	27.70
Expenses of Committees	6.36
Western Passenger Association	11.00
Total Expenditures	$678.15
Balance in Treasury Oct. 1st, 1906	$252.88

SAMUEL J. ROGERS,
Treasurer.

Checked and found correct Oct. 2, 1906

J. M. NORRIS,
Auditor.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND PRINTING.

Your Committee report bill allowed to the amount of $678.15. See Treasurers report as audited by Mr. J. M. Norris.

The estimates for expenses of the ending year are as follows:

For the National Council	$315.00
Printing and distributing Minutes	230.00
Salary of Secretary	150.00
Expenses of next convention	75.00
Expenses of Committees	125.00
Postage, Stationery and incidentals	30.00
Total	$925.00

To defray the expenses, your Committee recommend an assessment of five cents per member from the churches apportioned as follows upon the Conference for year 1907.

Anoka Conference	$350.00
Central "	70.00
Duluth "	30.00
Mankato "	60.00
Minnesota Valley	60.00
Northern Pacific	62.00
St. Paul	194.00
South Eastern	126.00
Western	38.00
Total	$990.00

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE H. ELWELL,
F. L. FRARY,
WM. J. GRAY.
Committee.

Minneapolis, October 2, 1906.

N. B. The above report is printed as amended by action of Association after its adoption.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL MATTER.

About twenty of the pastors and church clerks have sent to this Committee historical and biographical sketches, some as manuscripts, others as articles or addresses published in newspapers, and a few as pamphlets. These are placed together in the Historical Society Library, in the new capitol, St. Paul.

Such sketches of church histories and biographies of pastors are desired from all our Minnesota Congregational Churches, and it is hoped that all the pastors or other church officers will thus forward soon the needed information concerning their respective churches. With the celebration of semi-centennial anniversaries by the older churches, and while some of the pioneers and founders are still living, it seems very desirable that within a few years, and indeed at the earliest practicable date, a History of Congregationalism in Minnesota may be compiled by a Committee of pastors and laymen, to be published as a companion volume of similar size with the recently published History of Carlton College.

WARREN UPHAM, St. Paul,
Chairman of the Committee.
Secretary of the Minnesota Historical Society.

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REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The aim of your Committee the past year has been to render what service it could to the Schools of the State, by means of immediate and repeated contact with them Although the method was unusual, it was hoped it would not prove impractical or valueless. Instead, therefore, of discussing certain phases of the Sunday School work before only a few representatives of the churches gathered in their Annual State meeting, it seemed best to us to deal directly with the Schools themselves, and that, too, throughout the entire year, by a series of communications which should offer suggestions, from time to time, along constructive and progressive lines of work. It was clearly recognized that whatever recommendations should be made, would be quite unnecessary in some schools, because already they were so well organized, equipped and conducted. In other cases it was realized that, by reason of local difficulties or limitations, it would not be easy to make suggestions of practical utility. No attempt was made, therefore, to set forth an ideal standard in anything, but only

to make such suggestions as should be level to the need and possible realization of the average Sunday School of the State.

At the first meeting of the Committee, it was decided to undertake work along three general lines: I. Organization. II. Extension. III. Education.

In carrying out this general plan, four letters were prepared and sent out to the Superintendents of our Schools, and also to the pastors associated with them in their work.

Letter I. after stating the general purpose of the Committee in addressing the Schools, strongly recommended the use, during the year, of the Pilgrim series of helps and papers of our own denomination, and gave reasons for such choice.

Letter II. was devoted mainly to suggesting supplemental literature for use in primary, intermediate, and senior departments, giving various textbooks or courses with name of author and price, together with Manuals for Normal or Teacher Training work. In addition, recommendations were made with reference to Cradle Roll, Home Department, Written Work, Decision Day, Teachers' Meeting and Teachers' Library.

Letter III. was issued just before Children's Day, and was a plea for an offering on that day to the missionary work of our Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society, on the ground that the gifts *of* children should be devoted to work *for* children, and should not be diverted to any other cause, however worthy.

Letter IV. related to the organization of the School, considering (1) its connection with the Church, (2) its departments, and (3) its grades. Enclosed with this letter were two pamphlets: one entitled "Supplemental Lessons and Grading the Sunday School," published by the Nova Scotia Sunday School Association, and the other, "Outlines of Graded Supplemental Lessons for the Elementary Departments of the Sunday School," published by the International Sunday School Association.

It has been our purpose to send out an additional letter, touching the extension of our Sunday School work, especially in rural communities; but we did not get to it until so late in the year as to make its issue untimely, and it was therefore omitted. This was the less regretted, however, as a recent Committee of this body had undertaken work in that direction. There lies just here a problem of very grave interest and appeal. The one who shows the way to its practical and effective solution, will perform a notable service for the kingdom.

In taking a broad view of the Sunday School field of today, two or three observations force themselves upon our attention.

1. The Church needs an awakening to the sense that the Sunday School work, aside from the preaching of the gospel message, is the supreme work with which it has to do. We are not pleading simply for a better school, but for a radically new conception of the place of the religious education of our youth, in our Christian activities. The Sunday School lifted

to its true place, means much to the future of the Church: first as a means of development. By far the greater part of the additions to our Churches come from the Sunday School, a fact which is likely to be increasingly true in the future. And secondly, it means that this development will proceed along lines of intelligence and spiritual power. What we need is, a church membership grounded in religious truth, as a condition of sane, well-balanced, aggressive spiritual efficiency. The next "Forward Movement" of the Church, should have reference to the Sunday School. And the time is ripe for it. When we consider that we are now demanding a teaching ministry, that the Bible is receiving more attention by extension courses, Bible clubs and institutes, and normal and teacher-training classes, than ever before, it ought not to be difficult to lift the religous education of the young, in our conception at least, to that high plane which its own intrinsic importance demands.

2. The Sunday School needs to be made, what its name implies, a *real School*, with the atmosphere and methods of a school, and not merely a classified assembly for religious homily and hortatory activity. The limitations of the Sunday School in comparison with the public school—in its lack of authority, of a clearly defined course of instruction, of trained teachers,—are all recognized. The only contention is, we have not reached the goal attainable of educational efficiency. It is pretty well understood that our Sunday Schools are not realizing the results we have a right to expect, much less which we ought to demand. Our young people have all too little knowledge of great Biblical epochs, the course of Biblical history, and the nature and development of Biblical truth. College authorities are testifying to this lamentable deficiency, as the young people come up to the higher schools of learning. And yet they are the products of present Sunday School training. To realize this better School two things are demanded. On the one hand, there needs to be a complete organization, so far as possible, into departments and grades with suitable courses, and a truer application of the principles of pedagogy in the methods of instruction. In short, to have a *school*, not going round and round as in a circle, but round as in a spiral, always ascending to higher planes, and comprehending larger horizons. On the other hand, there needs to be less emphasis upon religious exhortation, and more upon definite instruction. The end of Sunday School teaching is unquestionably the spiritual welfare of the taught. But this is more likely to be effected by getting a real grasp upon the facts and truths of the Bible, than by shallow and ill-considered moralizings about them. Nothing can do so much for the spiritual life, as a thorough comprehension and mastery of the religious teachings of the Bible.

3. The greatest need of our Sunday Schools today is teachers thoroughly trained and equipped for their work. The problem of a better Sunday School is largely the problem of a better teacher. It is impossible,

of course, to realize ideal conditions here. The best that can be hoped for is a reasonable approximation. But conditions can be made much better than they are, by definite and persistent work along lines of teacher-training. Here the responsibility lies largely with the pastor. An intelligent acceptance of this responsibility, would mean a marked advance in the work of Sunday School instruction. He may often do more for his work through the teaching function than through his pulpit. With the many courses in Normal work now available, he can scarcely render a more fruitful service than to undertake the task of training teachers for larger efficiency in their work. And the work ought to enlist in its service the most capable minds of the Church. Strange that so many seem to greatly underestimate its importance and far-reaching significance. Where else can he do such constructive work for the kingdom, shaping the issues that make for character and destiny? Where else can personality in its truest, noblest forms, have opportunity to make more significant and enduring impressions? John Bright, the grand old English Commoner, may not have been an expert in religious education, but he lifted up a great truth when he said, "I think the influence of a good man or a good woman teaching ten or twelve children in a class, is an influence for this world and for the world to come, that no man can measure, and the responsibility of which no man can calculate."

In conclusion, we wish heartily to acknowledge our indebtedness to Dr. R. P. Herrick, Superintendent of our State Sunday School work, for his sympathetic co-operation in our counsels, and for his kindly assistance in all the work undertaken.

Respectfully submitted,

H. K. PAINTER,
F. H. OEHLER,
GEO. H. ELWELL.
Committee.

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REPORT OF CARLETON COLLEGE.

(In the absence of Prof. Sallmon, who was delayed by College duties, the report on Carleton College, a digest of which is here given, was presented by the Dean, Prof. Herbert C. Wilson.)

The year closing in June was a prosperous one for the College. The total enrollment was 346, an increase over that of the preceding year, in spite of the partial dropping of the Academy. This discontinuance of the three lower classes of the Academy diminished its numbers from 54 to 22. The freshman class numbered 114, an increase of 14 over the preceding

year. The attendance in the college proper has rapidly increased during the last three years

In 1903-4 it was 237
In 1904-5 it was 262
In 1905-6 it was 295

The course of Popular Lectures given by members of the college faculty has been a financial success, and a similar course of five lectures is arranged for this year.

An investigation by the President of the work done by members of the faculty outside of their regular class room duties, in the writing of articles for magazines and in original research, reveals a surprising amount and range of such work, and shows that the Carleton teachers are live men and women who are keeping abreast of the rapid advances which are being made in their various branches of study.

Our debate teams won both their contests—the one with Cornell, Ia., and the other with North Dakota University. In Oratory we tied for second place in the Ware contest with St. Olaf College and won second place in the state contest, our orator receiving first in thought and composition and third in delivery. Mention should be made of the excellent standing which several of our graduates have taken in oratory and debate in eastern institutions. They have been chosen upon the debate teams of those institutions and have acquitted themselves with great credit. This year Mr. Don Adams, of the class of '03, was on the Yale team which won in the debate with Princeton. He is a son of Rev. D. A. Adams of Waseca.

In Athletics our Football team won every game played and so the Championship of the Minnesota Athletic Conference. In Field and Track we won the dual meets with St. Olaf and Shattuck and were second in the Minnesota Conference meet. In Tennis our men won both singles and doubles over St. Olaf and Shattuck and also over St. Thomas, whose men in turn had won from Hamline and Macalester.

I speak of these things to you pastors and to you delegates from the different Congregational churches in order that you may have something to say about Carleton which will interest the boys in your town. We want more boys to come to Carleton. The girls are coming too fast; we are obliged to turn away many because we haven't room for them in the dormitories. But the boys are allowed to room in private houses so there is no limit as yet to the number we can take of them.

One of the most practical methods we have found of reaching the boys is our Inter-scholastic Meet. Our fine Laird Athletic Field is thrown open on one day in May to all the High Schools within a radius of 50 or 60 miles who will come and compete in Track and Field events. This year 100 contestants from nine High Schools took part. Faribault came with 200 supporters and took first place, Mankato won second and Hutchinson third place. The courtesies of the college were shown to all the visitors and a number of the contestants are now found in the Freshman class.

An Artesian well, the gift of Mr. Laird, has been sunk on Laird Field,

so that the dressing rooms are now furnished with flowing water. The old Science Hall has been converted into a Gymnasium, with baths, lockers, etc., so that we have now a fairly satisfactory gymnasium.

The Religious activities of the college have been carried on systematically; the noonday prayer meeting, the Sunday afternoon meeting, where students and instructors meet together, and the Sunday morning Bible training classes have been kept up regularly and with satisfactory attendance. The Day of Prayer for Colleges was observed in the usual way, all college work being given up on Thursday, January 25. Four of our students, two young men and two young women, attended the Student Volunteer Movement convention at Nashville and came back bubbling over with enthusiasm, which they tried to communicate to their fellows. In March and April the four weeks evangelistic meetings conducted by Milford H. Lyons were very helpful to the religious life of a number of the students. At first the majority of the students held aloof from the meetings being repelled by some of the methods used. But later, after Mr. Lyon had met some of them personally and had addressed the students by themselves, their attitudes seemed to change, and had not the Easter recess intervened before the close of the meeting, we might have seen much greater results from this wonderful series of meetings.

The School of Music numbered 70, 29 students taking music only. The Oratorio "Elijah" was given in December and 20 private recitals by the students were given during the year. A feature of the Music Department work is giving of recitals by artists from abroad. Two such were given this year one being an organ recital by Clarence Eddy, of Chicago. The College Glee Club has a very successful two weeks tour in April through southern Minnesota and South Dakota.

In regard to college finances one of the most notable things is a large increase in the number of annual subscribers. The list of those who subscribe annually to the current expense of the college is larger than ever before in the history of the institution and the solution of our financial problem seems to lie in continual addition to this list. An *Old Students' Endowment Fund* has been established through Professor Goodhue's efforts having now a nucleus of $2,500. The interests on this fund is to be used for current expenses. A *Scholarship Fund* of $1,000 has been given by *Mrs. Hudson Wilson* of Faribault, to pay the tuition annually of some student coming to Carleton from Faribault. This is an example which we wish many moderately wealthy people in other cities would follow. The donor has the privilege of naming the recipient of the scholarship and in case no candidate from the city designated is available, one may be taken from another town.

Carleton has been placed on the list of accepted Institutions on the *Carnegie Foundation*, so that her professors on reaching a certain limit of age and period of teaching may be retired on liberal pensions. Professor Huntington is the first thus to retire from active service. He will continue in connection with the college as chairman of the committee on Religious

Culture and as a member of the Library committee with which he has been so long identified.

The splendid new science building, Laird Science Hall was dedicated at Commencement time and is now in use by three departments of Biology, Chemistry and Physics. The facilities for work in these lines are vastly increased and students and instructors are taking great pleasure in the use of the new building.

The gifts for the year amounted to more than $10,000.

Our graduating class last June numbered 43; 16 received the degree B. A.; 5 B. L.; 22 B. S. Two master's degrees were granted, 1 M. S. and 1 M. L. In recognition of the fortieth anniversary the degree of D. D. was conferred upon Rev. James E. McConnell, for fifteen years pastor of the Northfield church.

With this year we round out forty years of existence as an incorporated college, our charter having been granted in the autumn of 1866. In commemoration of this fact the last commencement was made an anniversary occasion. A souvenir program was prepared, giving, besides the program of commencement week, the principal historical events in the life of the college, illustrated with photographs of the buildings and of the men and women who have had a large part in building up the institution.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS WORK AT THE UNIVERSITY.

After careful canvass of the Religious situation at the University, the Committee was unanimous in believing that the churches could undeniably assist in increasing the efficiency of the work done there, and that effort to that end should be made. Two general lines of suggestion offered themselves. First, the so-called Michigan plan of demonstrational work in which Guild houses are built near the campus by different denominations, and religious work undertaken on the University ground from these Guild houses as centers.

Second, the plan which we hope may come to be known as the Minnesota plan. By this we mean an inter-denominational effort in the direction of more effective work by the religious organizations already there instead of by introducing wholly new plans from without.

Our own committee having resolved the conclusion that the second plan is to be preferred, met in gospel session with like committees from the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian bodies and the results of our conference are embodied in the following extract from the minutes of that meeting:—

At a meeting of committees appointed by the Baptist, Presbyterian, Congregational and Methodist Episcopal churches, severally, held at the First Congregational church, Minneapolis. Sept. 7th, 1906, the following resolutions were passed.

Resolved, That the sentiment of this conference is in favor of an interdenominational effort to support an extension of the work of the student Y. M. C. A., and the student Y. W. C. A., at the State University.

Resolved, And also, That in the prosecuting of this interdenominational effort we incline to favor the plan of securing some man of eminent character and ability and of thorough theological training who shall serve the two associations as Secretary for Bible Work, and in such other ways of ministerial and personal service as opportunity may offer.

That these resolutioins be communicated to the several state religious bodies represented in the work of the Y. M. C. A., and the Y. W. C. A.

On the basis of these joint resolutions we beg leave to submit the following recommendations:

1. That the sentiments of these resolutions be endorsed and adopted as the sentiments of our State Association.

2. That either the present committee be continued or another be appointed to carry on the conference with the other churches and to make at the next meeting of our State Association a report of work accomplished.

3. That this committee be empowered to solicit money from the churches, of our order for the purpose of putting in operation the above program, provided an interdenominational agreement to that end may be reached within the current year.

Respectfully submitted,

CLEMENT H. CLARK
HENRY HOLMES
S. V. S. FISHER.

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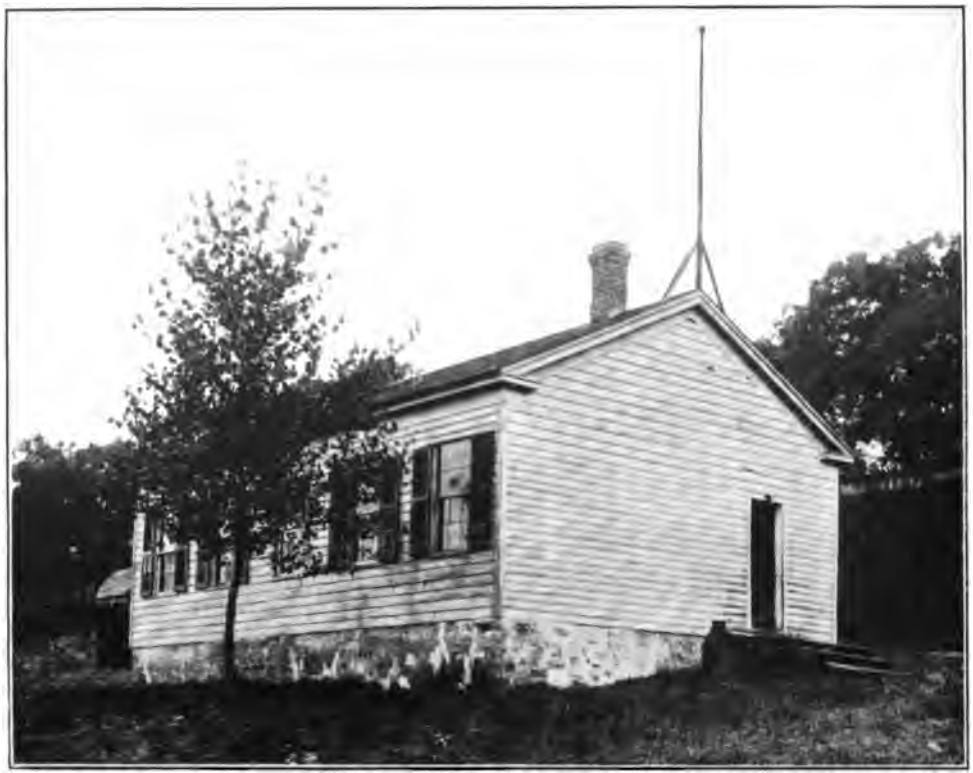
RESOLUTIONS

We, the members of this Association who have been so blessed in our gathering here, desire to express our gratitude to Our Heavenly Father for his kindness in so ordering events as to make it possible for us to enjoy this season of fellowship together; for the fifty years during which He has been our guide and stay in the work of building up the Kingdom in the great State of Minnesota; for the pioneers in service—among them being Seccombe, Strong, Williams and others who gave their lives to the foundation work; and for the privilege of beholding once more our dear brother—the venerable Richard Hall, our first Home Missionary Superintendent.

Our thanks are due to all those who have so generously contributed to the enjoyment of this occasion, and the success of the Association; to the speakers from home and abroad; for their scholarly, sympathetic and uplifting words; and to the people and pastors of the Plymouth and First churches for their cordial welcome and ample provision, thus contributing to make our attendance upon the best of all our Association meetings, most happy and profitable.

HERMAN P. FISHER,
F. L. H. VON LUBKEN,
GEORGE O. MOORE.



SCHOOL HOUSE AT POINT DOUGLAS, MINN.

JUBILEE SERVICES.

The Committee to arrange the exercises of the Semi-Centennial Celebration at the First Congregational Church of Minneapolis, October Third, are happy to present the four principal addresses. We heartily thank the writers for their faithful work and we especially rejoice that Bro. Edwin Sidney Williams was with us with all the sunshine of his early days. We are much indebted to Mr. Edward A. Bromley for the good pictures of Father Hall's early home and his first place of worship at Point Douglas, Minn., at the mouth of the St. Croix river. The snap shots taken in the rain from under an umbrella held by a member of the Committee, turned out well. The picture of Rev. Richard Hall—our oldest and only living pioneer—will surely gladden many hearts. We wish we could present the other speeches, but they were not written, and what we have will be good reading for our children fifty years hence.

HISTORICAL SKETCH.

Rev. S. V. S. Fisher.

Ezekiel's vision of the waters rising under the Temple, issuing forth beneath its threshold, a continually increasing stream, carrying gladness and blessing wherever it came, is not inaptly illustrated by the rise and enlargement of Congregationalism in Minnesota.

The beginnings of Congregationalism in Minnesota might have been dated in 1835, when the American Board commenced its mission among the Sioux, then one of the largest and strongest Indian tribes on the continent, which roved, fished, hunted and fought in this region, measured north and south by our present State, and stretching from the Mississippi to the Missouri. On the shores of our beautiful Harriet, here and there on the banks of the Minnesota and the Mississippi, the faithful missionaries taught the red man of God and Christ and heaven and of the life of faith and hope and love. What might not these teachings have done for that Indian nation and its neighbors and this region of the north, had the U. S. government not pursued its cruel, faithless, greedy, shifting, maddening policy with its Indian wards? As it was, in some favored spots the healing waters bubbled for a little time, only to sink back again into the sands, the springs choked with the blood of a people hunted down and driven from their homes.

Coming down fifteen years we find that a few people have come from

New England and the Middle States, and settled here, in search of health, or to begin life over again, or better their fortunes, or to get beyond the confines of civilization, or for any other reason which impels men to seek the wild.

Minnesota became a territory in 1849. Its population, not very homogeneous, was 4,000. St. Paul was the capital, Stillwater the metropolis, and numerous hamlets were scattered about, usually on the banks of rivers or lakes. A very pressing question was, How shall the religious needs of these newcomers be met? The priests of the Romish church, which is always awake and alert, were on hand to receive those of their faith. Representatives of some of the other denominations were soon on the ground. In 1850 two young ministers, comrades in Phillips Academy, Dartmouth College and Union Seminary came straight from their New England homes, and fresh from the laying on of the hands of the council, to lay Congregational foundations in this new territory. They were Richard Hall and Charles Seccombe, under appointment by the A. H. M. S. Dr Hall has said: "It was left for us to decide between ourselves our particular location. I took the responsibility of appointing brother Seccombe to St. Anthony, and myself to the itinerant field at the mouth of the St. Croix." Was not this action an unwitting prophecy of his future work, and of fitness for it? When Mr. Seccombe reached St. Anthony he found a church already organized by men sent out the previous year, by the same Society which had commissioned him. This church wanted a pastor, and Mr. Seccombe was willing to serve in this capacity, until he learned that there was a condition affixed, viz: that the pastor must become a member of a Presbytery which had recently been formed. He declined the pastorate, and went to work on his own hook, and gathered a Cong'l church, the First Cong'l church of Minnesota, with which we have now the pleasure of meeting. It was organized November 16, 1851, with twelve members. Mr. Seccombe and Mr. Hall officiated. They did the work well. Both churches, the Pres. and the Cong'l, being weak, and drawing upon the slender resources of the H. M. Soc., an attempt was made, at the instigation of the Society, to effect a union, and thus save hard-gotten money. The union lasted a year, and was then given up, as undesirable; thus proving against the soundness of Chief Justice Gibson's dictum: "The two systems Con'l and Pres.—are as immiscible as water and oil." Mr. Seccombe ministered to this First Cong'l church three years as acting pastor, and twelve years as installed pastor, fifteen years in all.

Two years and eight months after the organization of this church, six ministers,—Sherman Hall, Richard Hall, Chas. Seccombe, H. M. Nichols, Royal Twitchell, and Chas. Galpin,—hungry for fellowship and brotherly counsel, met with this church and formed a ministerial body, and named it "The Cong'l Association of Minnesota." They based it upon a confession of faith, of 13 articles. They framed rules, more rigid than we have now, for licensing men for the ministry, passed some vigorous resolutions, appointed a committee to handle a fund of $4,000 for church erection, recounted their experiences, prayed and sang the songs of Zion together,

and so drank in courage and inspiration for their arduous work, and then adjourned.

Three years and three months later another convention met with this First church of St. Anthony, on Thursday, October 23, 1856. It was called by the Congregational Association. This time it was a convention of "the Cong'l churches in Minnesota and vicinity." It was called to order by the pastor of this church. Letters from distinguished men in other States, recognized as authority in matters Congregational, were read. Discussion followed; and it was voted to organize a Conference of Churches. A committee prepared and reported a constitution of 15 articles, by-laws to the number of eight, and a confession of faith, which was identical with that of the Minnesota Cong'l Association, save the last clause of the 13th article, which was enlarged so as to include infants in the administration of baptism. The committee's report was adopted. Officers were chosen as follows: Rev. Sherman Hall, moderator; Rev. Chas. Seccombe, corresponding secretary; Rev. Chas. Sheldon, recording secretary. The Moderator leading in prayer, the Convention by that formal act passed into a Conference of Churches." This sentence records the action which links that October day, fifty years ago, with this October day, a providential action which had within it promise of large fruitage, of which we see and share in today is only a partial fulfilment. So the General Congregational Conference of Minnesota was started on its career, with eight churches, six in Minnesota and two in Wisconsin, and one ministerial member, who the preceding June had received the appointment from the A. H. M. S. as its agent in Minnesota, the Rev. Richard Hall. The brief extracts from the reports of those eight churches give glimpses of the rugged conditions, the trying situations, the hard circumstances of those early days; and of the faith, the courage, the determination, with which these devoted men faced the difficulties. The superintendent reported the organization of ten churches. Some of these new churches are our strong churches today. The names of some of the others are not even a memory, save to the old-timers. What those men did at that first Conference, the things they said, the resolutions they passed, showed them to be keen-eyed, hard-headed, strong-hearted, valiant men, who were not afraid to tackle any and every rampant evil. They resolved, that much of the political and social evil is due to the remissness of ministers; that it is the minister's duty to smite every evil with God's truth; that slavery was only evil continually; that intemperance was a fearful curse; and that Churches and Christians should war constantly upon such evils These men were alive to present needs, and alert to provide ways and means to meet them. They believed that the people needed good reading. They also believed that the American Tract Society was too willing to straddle the great issue. So they formed a Minnesota Tract Society of their own, and appointed a committee to see to the distribution of the best religious literature. They also organized a Sunday School Society, the precursor of our present work. As a society this organization seems not to have flourished,

but after some years it resolved itself into a committee, which gathered statistics, kept the cause before the churches. and spurred them to worthy endeavor. In 1886 this committee, recognizing the fact that, if the Congregational Sunday Schools were to have proper care, and to hold their own with those of other denominations, a competent leader was a necessity, urged the Conference to ask the Sunday School and Publishing Society to provide a Sunday School superintendent for this State. The Conference consenting to this, the committee made diligent search for the right man, and found him in the general missionary, who was presented to the Conference in 1888, as the Society's appointee. For eighteen years the Rev. Robert P. Herrick has been going up and down the State, keeping his eyes open for every position of advantage, and every place of real need, where a Sunday School should be planted. Few men have been more closely identified with our denominational work, or understood it better than he, or have had the privilege of laying foundations, deep and wide, in so many places.

At its 4th annual meeting the Conf. organized "The Widows and Orphans' Aid Society," to care for the families of ministers who fell by the way; and for disabled ministers, too. In 1885 the name was changed to "The Society for The Relief and Support of Aged or Disabled Ministers and their families." In Sept. '99 the Society was incorporated under the name which it now bears,—"The Cong'l Ministerial Relief Society of Minnesota." Three names in 46 years, but the same child all the time, still in its youth, never very robust, nor able to do great things, sometimes neglected by its parents; but living along and doing good in a modest way, and often rewarded by the gratitude of afflicted brothers and sisters.

The brethren early felt the need of a religious paper, to inform the constituency of the Conference of its doings, to interest Congregationalists in the measures approved by the Conference, to advocate the great moral and spiritual causes, for the good of society, and to wage relentless war upon encroaching evils. They reasoned that, if Minnesota politics could not flourish by the aid of a paper published in Boston or New York, neither would Minnesota Christianity get on well and make headway, without some organ to scatter broadcast religious news, and voice the best Christian sentiment. But no committee on ways and means could discover how to provide this seeming moral necessity. The suggestion of an interdenominational religious paper did not carryy. Interdenominationalism was not mature enough for that. Nothing came of all the discussion, until in the autumn of '63 the Conference accepted the "Iowa News Letter" as its mouthpiece. The records are silent as to the success of this arrangement. Four years later the Chicago Advance sent its agent to urge its claims, whereupon the Conference heartily welcomed The Advance, and said: "In the confidence that it will steadily improve upon its promising beginning, and fill a most important sphere, hitherto painfully vacant, we commend it to all our churches, as entitled to a cordial reception and a fair trial." In this same confidence, some of the brethren subscribed $100, for one share of

"Advance stock," which was put into the hands of the trustees of the "Widows and Orphans Aid Society," to be held in trust, the interest to go to this society. Careful scrutiny discovers no avails from this source; and after a few years this share of "Advance" stock no longer figures in the assets of the Society.

The Home Missionary Society of Minnesota, one of our very useful institutions, was a long time in coming to the birth. A resolution was introduced in the Conference of '61 to the effect "that it is expedient that a State H. M. Society be organized." The matter was referred to a committee. The Conference of '64 resolved "that our churches should be more deeply imbued with the missionary spirit, and as a means of awakening that spirit a State H. M. Society should be formed forthwith." Though this subject was brought up again, no *real progress* was made until *'72*, when the committee reported that the time seemed ripe for forming a H. M. Society. This report was neither referred nor tabled, but acted upon. A constitution, modeled after that of the Ill Soc. was adopted, and officers were chosen. The pres't of the college was elected pres't of the missionary society for three years; and afterwards elected again and again, until he had served eleven terms, which brought his occupancy of that office down to last year, certainly a unique record.

The cause of higher education is dear to the heart of the typical Congl'st, being part and parcel of his love for the church, inasmuch as he is persuaded that the stability of the church depends upon intelligence, in both ministry and laity. Not a few of the pioneers brought with them to Minnesota an *ambition* to make the place of their abode a *seat of learning*. Chas. Galpin thought Excelsior was *the* place for a college. Chas. Shedd thought the same of Zumbrota. Messrs. North and Goodsell held the same opinion about Northfield. The Excelsior school got the start, being organized the same year with the Cong'l Association, and turned over to that body for patronage. As soon as the Conference was under way the Association sought to transfer its budding school to the care of the Conference; but the latter was cautions. The matter was referred to a committee, which reported that the Conference wanted a college, and why not nurture a plant already rooted rather than to set out a new one? One can almost see the smile on Mr. Galpin's face, and feel his heart beat quicker, as he listened to the report. But when the brethren had discussed the matter, they wished for more light, and appointed a committee to answer two questions: Is the plan of uniting with other denominations in providing a professor in the State University feasible? What is the best location for a college? This committee advised postponing the consideraton of a University professorship until after the war. Was it ever called up again? In regard to the best location for a college, the committee said that, while a school like Amherst would be most desirable in Minnesota, and should be begun soon, as much time would be needed to secure adequate endowment, it would hardly be wise for the Conference to take the Excelsior school under its wing. For several years after this the college enterprise was in abeyance, overshadowed

by the civil conflict. But in the autumn of '64 the Conference instructed a committee to see what could be done in the matter of establishing a denominational college. At the same meeting the chairman of the com., Mr. Goodsell, reported that it was high time to do something, and to give the Conference something to do, he made an offer, in behalf of Northfield, of $7,000, already subscribed, a probable $3,000 additional, and ten acres of land for a site. He shrewdly suggested that the day of decision be postponed a year, and that other towns be asked to bid for the college. Twenty towns were notified, and asked to put in bids for the prize. The year rolled around. The auction-day came. Five towns made bids. That of Northfield was double that of the next highest bidder, Cottage Grove. Northfield offered $18,529 cash, and twenty acres of land, a total of $21,029. Three additional reasons are given why Northfield should have the college: 1. Northfield is on the Minnesota Central Railroad. What other than a central railroad should it be on, if it is to have a college for the whole State? 2. Northfield is almost central as to population. 3. Northfield has abundant material for the very best brick for building purposes. So Northfield secured the college, trustees were appointed, and the Conference pledged $10,000 from the churches, as tangible evidence of their good will. The trustees set themselves to provide a habitation and a home for the college. Students began to come. A committee sought an instructor. They found one, whose term of service spans the whole college life from the first day until now. Who himself links the first college year with the current year, who has been a prominent factor in making and shaping the college history from the beginning until today. If one had only the bare outlines of the last Bulletin he must conclude that "Horace Goodhue, Dartmouth graduate '67; Principal of Preparatory Department, Carleton College '67-'91; Professor of Greek since 1870; Dean of the Faculty 1891-1906," has rendered varied and very valuable service to our college. That the words of Dartmouth's President to the Committee seeking a teacher; "He will fill the bill," have been fully verified in these forty years of faithful work, hundreds of Carleton's students will gladly testify.

For four years the trustees scanned the horizon and scoured the country for a President, one who would be an administrator, and a magnet to students and dollars, especially to dollars. At the Conference of 1870, a Faribault pastor, the Rev. James W. Strong, was introduced as the long-sought man. He was cordially welcomed, the audience rising to express its gratification; and while standing, the Rev. Richard Hall offered a prayer of installation. A boquet of pledges, amounting to $16,446, was handed to the new President, to cheer him on his way. He needed it. From that day forward the college and its chief executive grew in favor with Minnesota Congregationalists.

So were launched the different institutions with which we are familiar, and which have contributed to make Congregationalism what it is in this Commonwealth. Well has it been said, that the men behind the guns make a navy. So it is with all institutions; and our Congregational institutions

in Minnesota are no exception. The men who brought them into being and manned them, made them what they are. In his "Leavening The Nation" Dr. Clark writes: "Minnesota has been fortunate from the first in her missionary leaders." He refers particularly to those who have been selected to represent the Home Missionary Society, and to promote its interests. And he adds: "Few States have enjoyed the lead of stronger men." The first of these was Rev. Richard Hall. It is 56 years since he set foot on Minnesota soil. He is with us today, the embodiment of the truth: "The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness." For six years a frontier home missionary, laboring to set a golden candlestick, and light a torch of gospel truth, in many a town and hamlet, his efficiency must have been manifest to his brethren on the field, and their estimate of him must have gotten to New York; for in June of '56 the H. M. Soc, made him its agent here, to help other men do the same kind of work which he had been doing. By no power of the imagination can we go back to that early day, and view those primitive conditions which so often taxed the ingenuity and balked the efforts of the earnest missionary, who was planning and working to annex the outlying communities to the Kingdom of God. There was no beaten path; he had to blaze his own way. He did not build on foundations which other men had laid, for there was no foundation. He had to be captain of industry and laborer too. Would he take counsel in an emergency, there were no brethren at hand. He was thrown back upon his Master and himself. At any time, in a new country, where hardy settlers are trying to get a foothold, the natural conditions are such as to make the missionary's life difficult and laborious; but in the early days of Minnesota these were aggravated by the unusual conditions of the times. Momentous events were casting their shadows before them. The very year when comrades Hall and Seccombe began work in Minn., two events at the National Capital threw lurid light upon the future of national affairs. One was the publication in the "National Era" of Uncle Tom's Cabin, which poured oil upon the anti-slavery sentiment of two continents. The other was Henry Clay's compromise of 1850, the fugitive slave law. This made Uncle Tom's fiction fact, and stirred the conscience of the country anew. The year of Mr. Hall's appointment to the superintendency, 1856, beheld other events of like nature, which widened the breach between the North and the South. Bully Brooks' assault upon Chas. Sumner and the Free-soil war in Kansas, John Brown, one of the leaders, together with the Dred Scott decision, early in '57, helped to crystallize and strengthen northern opinion and determination against the encroachments of slavery. At length the inevitable conflict broke upon the country. Every part and every interest suffered. In '62 the corresponding Secretary writes: "During the past year we have been called on to exercise a new class of Christian virtues. Several churches have been scattered, if not destroyed, by Indian outrages. Many members have been called away to the army, and our material strength goes to support the government in the prosecution of the war." In '63 he writes: "The loyalty and patriotism of our churches have

been fully vindicated. Copperheads cannot live in any of them. One-seventh of our male members have entered the army, and we have furnished three chaplains from our ministry." Under such conditions as these, Dr. Hall carried forward the work. After ten years of labor, his brethren said: "We rejoice in the extension of our home missionary work in the new settlements and along the frontier; and the success that has attended the efforts of Rev. Richard Hall, the efficient agent of the A. H. M. S., to plant churches and supply them with pastors." And, when at the end of 17 years, Dr. Hall resigned his stewardship, they said again: "With gratitude the Conference recognizes its obligations to its retiring superintendent, Rev. Richard Hall. Eighty-one churches wisely located, hard service amid pelting, windy storms, warm sympathy with the ministry of the State and the struggling churches fraternal regard to the sister churches,—are a record, the memory of which will abide with us, and will gladden our brother." That the Conference did not altogether like the manner of the change of superintendents, is evident from the record. A maxim of wisdom, which might well be inscribed, in the constitution of every Society, and upon the heart of every Congregationalist, is this: "We express the *decided conviction* that, in all changes relating to the welfare of the churches, the *utmost care* should be taken to first ascertain the *will of the churches.*" Six churches, with less than 150 members, when he began his work, 86 churches, 17 of them self-supporting, and a membership of 3,855 when he turned it over to his successor, was in itself a great work; but recalling as we should the circumstances amid which it was wrought, it was a *vastly greater work*, in *itself a large reward.*

Dr. Cobb, who followed Dr. Hall, came May 26, '74. His first reports reveal the man: (a) his generalship,—"I promise" he writes, "to hold all essential points already taken, make each of them as strong as possible, and from each as a base, make other points;" (b) his spirit of comity and his sense of stewardship,—"I propose in no case to enter a field whose spiritual wants are already met. And, further, in communities having too many evangelical churches, I am ready, rather than to waste the Lord's money in trying to keep up so many churches, to advise, and if possible to bring about organic, or any other honorable form of union;" (c) his resoluteness, —"Detroit" he writes, "has Cong'l, Bap. & Meth., churches, with occassional Epis., services, in a town of about 700 people. Yet the brethren there, and all along the line of the N. P. R. R. say the point must be held. I propose to hold it"; (d) his sense of humor,—"Park and Hawley still know and love their Kribs, who as a frontiersman can harness his missionary horse with strips of consecrated boot legs and clothes-line, build his own pung, erect his own house of worship with his own hands, and so withal preach Christ to his people as to add one-half to his membersip during the year"; (e) his efficiency,—His first full year's report runs thus: "Since the last annual meeting I have traveled 12,133 miles, sent out 1930 letters and postals, preached 105 sermons, helped to organize three churches, one district association, in ordaining five men to the ministry, and at two installations."

It was a great pace he set for himself, but he managed to increase it a little year by year, to the end of his service. These qualities were, in part, his equipment for service. His success on this field brought, in '81, appointment to a larger field, and the year following to the national secretaryship of the Building Society. He at once put new life into that very useful but somewhat languid institution. He immediately flung out his banner, with the motto, "$100,000 a year for church erection."

When Secretary Emeritus I wrote to thank him for what he had done for the Scandinavian work. He replied, in part: "It is somewhat of a trial to be shut away from the brethren and the work. But there is joy in running over the list of more than 800 parsonages, and more than 2,200 houses of worship that have been secured in my 21 years of service."

A woman who has rendered large service to Cong'lsm, in Minn. and elsewhere said to me: "I have a high estimate of Dr. Cobb's superintendency of home missions in Minn. This I know that he was much interested in and greatly helped our woman's work." Most will agree with this judgment. That in every position he was effective, and that as Secretary of the Building Society, his service to our denomination was invaluable few will question.

The Rev. Marcus Whitman Montgomery reached Minneapolis July 6, '81. An hour after his arrival he attended his first meeting with the Home Missionary Directors, which had been arranged by Dr. Cobb, for the benefit of both the incoming and outgoing superintendents, that he might introduce his successor to the new work, and those who were to form his cabinet, and that he himself might take formal leave of the field. He departed for Denver the following day. The new bishop had hardly gotten fairly in the saddle when his diocese was doubled. Let him tell of it: "A few days ago our beloved secretary in N. Y., Dr. Coe, had a dream; in his vision he went back to his mother's knee, and heard her repeat the old couplet: "Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do." Awakening with these lines in mind he immediately thought of the temptations of western superintendents from this source, and quickly wrote an order adding to the Minnesota field, all that part of Dakota lying north of the 46th parallel,—an area embracing one-half of that territory and nearly equal to the whole state of Minnesota." If former superintendents had their hands, minds and hearts full, those of this man were full to overflowing. But he could be relied upon to do his utmost and not spare himself. He threw himself into the work heart and soul, until, overtaxed, he had to seek recuperation in travel. He went abroad for rest; but even more for discovery, to learn the relation of the free Swedish and Norwegian churches, which he had found scattered through his vast parish, to our own. During some months in Sweden he learned the language, so as to use it in conversation, became acquainted with the leaders of the separatist movement, made himself familiar with its genesis and history, and prepared an enlightening treatise concerning it. Upon his return home he was made superintendent of the Home Missionary Society's Scandinavian department, for which he had unusual adaptations. Two years and a half covered Mr. Montgomery's term of H. M. service in Minnesota;

but brief as it was he left his impress upon the State. He was gifted with vision and initiative. He was always questioning himself and others as to larger things and better methods, disliking ruts. He, first, employed a financial agent for the benefit of the weaker churches, for the increase and raising of pastors' salaries, for the paying of debts, on church or parsonage, or to get a good subscription for parsonage or church-home. He devised and furthered the first Minneapolis church-extension society, of which he remarked, that in the beginning it was a church-promoter, but later on a church-preventer. He sought to bring about the union of the Free-Baptist and Congregational churches. By pen and voice he urged our benevolent societies to merge their magazines in one weekly publication, picturesque, pictorial, newsy, cheap; and he believed that some day this would be the form of missionary literature. He was the champion of the wronged, a true friend to all missionaries. His early going was a distinct loss to the church, and especially to the Scandinavian work, which he fathered with such large results.

Between Mr. Montgomery's leaving this field, and Rev. John H. Morley's appointment as his successor, the genial George A. Hood was acting superintendent. He described himself as "a jaded pastor, who resigns the old and takes a new church for rest, but adds this office." Dr. Clark speaking of our missionary leaders, says: "and eminently worthy of a place among them is Rev. George A. Hood, who acted as superintendent during the temporary disability of Mr. Montgomery." George Hood, with a level head, great good-cheer in his heart, a smile on his face, and warmth in his hand-clasp, fits easily into any place, in an emergency, as he did for eight months in the home missionary work of Minnesota, keeping the machinery well oiled, and handing it over to the next man in good order, and working smoothly.

In the autumn of '84 the Rev. John H. Morley resigned his pastorate in St. Paul, to become our home missionary leader in the State. He was admirably adapted for the place. He had been eight years in the State, and was conversant with its home missionary interests and needs. He was an intimate friend of Mr. Montgomery and sympathetic with his views and policy. He was in his prime, physically strong, an independent thinker, a vigorous preacher, a man of affairs. The era of expansion in Minnesota was on; and the State was making strides in many directions; in railroad building, in agriculture, in commerce, in manufactures; and it was essential to have a strong leader in things religious and denominational, to at all keep step with the physical development. When Mr. Morley took the field there were 142 churches, and 8,239 members. When he left it there were 231 churches and 18,280 members. During the long term of fifteen years which included first a period of great activity and prosperity, and then a number of years of great financial stress and deep depression of all business, followed by returning activity and prosperity, he did his best to conserve and develop the work handed over to him by his predecessors, and to meet the heavy demands of a rapidly enlarging field. He was slow to plant

churches, having due regard to the rights of other denominations, and to a proper use of benevolent money; but he was slower to allow them to die after they were planted. During the hard times of the early nineties, many a struggling church would have been glad to die; but was kept alive by the superintendent's presence, counsel and an infusion of his courage and determination. Dr. Morley set himself to improve the ministry of our home missionary churches, planning a course of study, and urging young men to pursue it; holding institutes for ministerial training, and advocating a higher standard and better qualifications for ordination. They who were on the field those years, and knew most of the work, will, I think, not only admit but affirm that Dr. Morley administered home missionary affairs in a masterly way.

For the last seven years Dr. George R. Merrill has been our home missionary leader. He, too, came to a rapidly enlarging work. Large reservations in the northern part of the State have been thrown open for settlement; which means new towns, new rural settlements, with their imperative needs. In '81 on leaving the State, Dr. Cobb wrote: "The work of organization is largely finished." Those who have come after him have not found his prophecy verified. Every superintendent since has had all in the way of organization and reorganization thrust upon him that he could do, and problems have arisen not dreamed of in '81. As secretary of the State Board for years together, while pastor of this church, the present superintendent had excellent training for his work; so that he came to it with an accumulation of facts and experiences which few, if any, have. The problem of an expanding field and work, with a lessening income, is his, also. The only solution of it is, I believe, by the method which he is using so excellently,—self-help. Every administration, for fifty years, has pleaded for it. Forty-six years ago the Winona pastor said to the Conference: "Our churches must understand that the money appropriated to them by this Society, does not grow on trees at the East, nor spontaneously flow into its treasury—it is the wages of poor factory girls—it is widows' mites." Today the question may be asked with ten-fold emphasis: "Why should Minnesota look to New England to do its home missionary work?" Dr. Merrill not only makes the plea, but follows it with a reasonable, workable plan, which with decent backing will win out. Some one tells of reading over the door of a saloon, in a southern city, the words: "Open all Night." A door or two away, over the entrance of a cheap restaurant, he read: "Never Closed." A little beyond was a rather tumble-down building, used as a Chinese laundry. Over the doorway was scrawled: "Me wakee too." If Minnesota Congregationalists would get "wakee too" in the matter of self help, things would be doing here.

In thus singling out six men for special remark, no slight is to be inferred to the brethren, laymen as well as clergy, who have borne so noble a part in building up Cong'llsm in this great commonwealth. For the time would fail me to tell of Salter, "a streak of sunshine six feet long" as Dr. Cobb described him, of Burt and Stimson, of Brown of Medford, of the

William Twins, E. M. and E. S., of Dudley and Wells, of Dana and Hutchins and Thwing and Beach and Beard and Merrill—C. W., and the laymen, the Bells, and Youngs, and O. B. King, and C. E. Dyer, and their fellow Deacons whose praises are in all the churches. We have had excellent leaders, and they have had hosts of splendid followers. And the women—what grand work they have done in all the churches, and the whole field! The men were unwilling to start even a H. M. Soc., unless the women would help; and so eleven women organized the women's cent society, which in time grew into the Woman's H. M. Society, and is now the Woman's H. M. Union. The first year they gave $139. and last year $5,919.06 for work in home land. Let me just name the "Minnesota Branch," which last year preached the gospel in other lands with $6,856. God bless the women for all they have done and are doing, and help them to do all that is in their hearts.

Brothers and sisters, our work in Minn., so inadequately sketched, has been wonderfully blessed and prospered by our Master. But what has been done is small compared with what shall be accomplished; for the work is in its infancy. In all the fifty years now closing, three great needs have been apparent, and have formed the substance of every appeal:—Money, men, and the enduement of power. Our churches can supply all the money needed, and they can consecrate their sons to the great work. If they will do this, God will furnish the power. Let us thank God for the past, and take great courage for the days ahead.

THE PIONEERS.

Rev. Edwin Sidney Williams, Saratoga, California

On Thursday, October 23rd, 1856, twelve good men and true, nine ministers and three laymen, were the pioneers in the establishment of this Congregational Association of Churches. They have had as clear and distinct an influence in the promotion of the Kingdom of God in this great commonwealth as Minnetonka and Minnehaha have had in giving Minnesota a just fame among these who love scenic beauty and the romance of western adventure.

These ministerial pioneers were Ezra Newton, Sherman Hall, George Bent, Charles Seccombe, C. B. Sheldon, Charles Galpin, H. W. Cobb, William P. Stevens and Richard Hall. The laymen were E. G. Hicks, W. J. Copf and Z. N. Powell.

As I knew but five of them you will not expect me to do more than open the fountain of reminiscence which may properly float them out on the broad stream of your grateful admiration.

On the evening of October 23rd, after the Constitution, By-Laws and Confession of Faith had been adopted, Rev. Wm. R. Stevens preached from

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the fourth verse of the first chapter of the Gospel of John, "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men." In that Divine light Minnesota has shone the brightest star in the northern tier of our federated states. That light early led John S. Pillsbury to dream of the great university for which he struggled and grew strong. I knew this for I heard it in his voice and saw it in his serious and rugged features. That light cheered his loyal wife who stood by his side and encouraged him again and again to lead the legislature and the people, as bravely as Roosevelt led the boys in blue at San Juan Hill, and later the whole nation, up the heights of financial honor until the clear light of honest payment of rail road bonds shone out as clear as a star, and the dark stain of repudiation was wiped out.

Christian life in the Presidents and Professors has shone over our great University until its fame, with that of Cyrus Northrup, is nation-wide.

When C. M. Goodsell, the devoted Northfield layman, came to the front seat of decision in a children's revival service in western New York, though he was then a man grown, the light which was the light of men began to shine in him. It led up to Northfield College, and then to the fragrant name of Carleton College of which Goodsell observatory is a memorable and useful building. Let it not be forgotten that in the person of C. M. Goodsell, founder, and H. H. Morgan, home missionary evangelist, whose thorough work trebled the membership of the Northfield Church at the crisis time, Carleton College is distinctively a child of genuine revival.

This imperial commonwealth lived through the Indian massacre, the grasshopper plague, the hard times, and has blossomed out into its present magnificent heritage because, hid in the hearts of its thorough-going citizens is that life which was, and is, and ever will be, the light of men. I must leave to the noble woman who follows me the characterization of the Congregational women whose hearts beat, whose eyes shone, and whose cheeks glowed with the light of the living Christ. History does not record a "Woman's Hour" in that first conference of "the Pioneers," but all womanly energies even then were not engrossed in the material feasts about the bountiful tables. For the women of that elder day were like unto Mrs. Superintendent Hall, who, sister of President Chapin of Beloit, and Pastor Chapin of La Crosse, stood by the strenuous life of the Pioneer. I hope some one is here who can quote from that first association sermon. Was the preacher William R. Stevens of River Falls, afterwards pastor at Rochester? If so he was a man as tall, strong and rugged as Abraham Lincoln whom, as I remember, he much resembled.

The daughter of the Rochester Home Missionary married Missionary Gulick of Japan, and wrought among the heroes and heroines who have led the Japanese into light and honor.

Of the first Moderator, Rev. Sherman Hall, I recall his directness of speech, his transparent sincerity, and his Christian dignity. He had a fine person and a commanding presence, like the famous Sherman of the "March to the Sea." This hero charmed my Sunday School at a White

Bear picnic with a ringing speech and commanded three Major Generals to speak after him.

Many of you will remember the lighted face, the gleaming eyes, the flashing enthusiasm, the lightning words of Rev. Charles Seccombe, when the "old man eloquent" was really waked up. What a figure he was in the historic days. Deacon O. B. King of the Congregational Kingdom on the West Side, who came into this kingdom for five decades of usefulness fifty years ago last Sunday, has just told me how Pastor Seccombe's appeal for volunteers at St. Anthony Civil War Rally electrified and surprised the "wild west" audience. They had thought only lawyers, buffalo hunters, and Indian fighters were equal to the occasion. No one who heard him when he was literally stumping the state for ten thousand dollars for Carleton College can forget his impassioned description of the contest between the Merrimac and the Monitor at Newport News. I have read war correspondents' descriptions and, as you have my brethren, have heard the book agents' story of it, yet Father Seccombe's word pictures of the crippled Congress and Cumberland, the dare-devil boldness of the armoured Merrimac, the breathless anxiety of the North as we read of the memorable sea fight, the quick turning of the tables on the elated Southerners when the little "cheesebox on a raft" just "butted in" at close quarters, and smashing the Merrimac and smashed the hopes of the Confederacy as they had not been smashed before, remain fixed in memory as the most vivid reminders of the days when Abraham Lincoln "bound the nation and unbound the slave." His plea that we need intelligence and force, such as made the Monitor invincible, Christianized at our own Christian College and set in motion for the Kingdom of God, brought consecrated money to Carleton. Remember brethren that then there were no railroads to transport wheat. After men had toiled to grow it, sweating horses dragged it hundreds of miles to the river and to the mills of Minneapolis. It is a personal pleasure to bring these simple California poppies to lay on the grave of the old hero of St. Anthony Falls. He was so old as to have forgotten me as I saw him in his last parish on the banks of the Missouri, but he remembered his successor and neighbor, the beloved E. M. Williams. He had ceased to trouble about my othodoxy. It grieves him no more that his suspected young Oberlin pastor should play baseball with the boys at Carleton, for where he has gone "the streets of the city are full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof." The river of life where he laves in it does not overflow its banks like the Big Muddy. St. Anthony will no more hear of the Seccombe family floating down stream on the roof of their house or take up an offering for a new parsonage for them. His new mansion is built on the "Rock of Ages." Pioneer of Pioneers, in His Savior was life and His light long helped this conspicuous light-bearer to light the way of good men.

Christ's light shone in the beaming face of C. B. Sheldon of Excelsior. He reared a large family of beautiful children, spoke gospel truth in love, reverenced God's Sabbaths, preferred an orderly and benevolent country

church to a booming crowd of Sunday excursionists and speculators, fought saloons out of his village, and grew the finest grapes in the region. My sainted father and I were allowed one Saturday afternoon to pick our basket full of Concords, Delawares, Isabellas and Rogers Number 4, which we bought of this veteran grape-grower. My father said "my son, I have bought grapes in New York market for fifty years and that is the finest basket of grapes I ever saw." Praise for their genial and gentle pastor, whose useful recreation in his choice vineyard was typical of his cultivation of his devoted flock. His dust rests beneath the fruitful vines of California. Does not his intelligent spirit rejoice in Luther Burbank's mission to make this world a garden of fruit and flowers.

Perhaps Charles Galpin could pull teeth better than he could draw sinners to the anxious seat and plug cavities more skilfully than he could stop the mouths of infidels. But he loved our little cities, our churches and our schools. He gave largely for education. He was not soured because the college was voted to Northfield rather than to Excelsior. Though greatly disappointed he behaved well, which is a good thing for a minister to do. Generous old pioneer, Charles Galpin.

It were an impeachment of your intelligence and reverence for me to tell you of Richard Hall who lives among you. He was a genuine "Episcopus," and we fondly called him "Bishop," though he did not take to the title. "Serus in coelum redeat," has long been our prayer and Heaven has answered it. If his bow abide in strength enough to unbend a little in this glad hour it will seem a foretaste of the greetings of Paradise.

Our Pioneers branded slavery as "a crime that would disgrace a heathen nation, and for a nation like ours too dark to be described by any words in the language of a civilized people."

That resolution had bark and bite too. Your chronicler was a freshman in Yale College then, dreaming that possibly grand-children's grand-children, if he ever had any, might witness the end of "the sum of all villianies." A little more than six years after he read Abraham Lincoln's proclamation to twelve hundred slaves in South Carolina. The next morning they were freemen. The light that shone on their dark faces was the light the pioneer preacher of this association told about in 1856, "the light of men." Jesus and Abraham Lincoln made them free indeed.

These pioneers put on record, in 1856, a stiff resolution against the great and destructive evil of intemperance. They led the way for Austin Willey, a comrade and friend of Neal Dow, who shone in Maine and blazed in Northfield, John Imgley, a Methodist rum hater, was a brave successor. W. W. Satterlee, Thomas Doutney, Francis Murphy, and the brilliant John G. Woolley, followed pioneer resolutions with the acts of apostolic alcohol-haters. These by "Progress of Doctrine" in the testament of God's growing grace have led up to David Percy Jones, mayor of Minneapolis, God bless him! He is the logical, physical, intellectual, moral, spiritual, fore-ordained, and heaven-panoplied leader of the host who may yet make the birthplace of our association not only the arena of the curbing of the liquor power by the

patrol-limit and Sunday closing, but, perhaps, by God's wisdom the scene of its deserved death. When you have trapped a cruel coyote in a corral the next thing to do is to lariat and hang him. For of all the dangerous trusts cursing Columbia today the cruelest and most damnable is the Whiskey Ring. Our David seems but a stripling going out against this Goliath of Gath. The armies of Israel everywhere under the Stars and Stripes watch and pray for him. We watch you Minnesotans work and you Minneapolitans vote. If you are faithless the pioneers would rise from their graves in rebuke. Let them sleep until the morning. You fight, for the morning cometh as promised by the God of Light.

THE CONGREGATIONAL WOMEN OF MINNESOTA.

Miss Margaret Evans.

The Congregational women of Minnesota have no record for the first quarter of the fifty years which we celebrate as that record appears in the published "Minutes of the Conference of Congregational Churches of Minnesota."

From the first record of 1856 up to that of 1868, not a mention of women occurs except that the name "females" heads a column of figures which indicate that in 1858 the number of women in the churches was fifty-three percent of the membership, and in 1868 it was fifty-seven percent. One might be pardoned for saying that the label of each church appeared to be—"I am—not for women."

Yet the records of individual churches hold the memory of noble women, without whom, often the church could not have been so well sustained, nor even organized: as Rev. Sherman Hall reports one church as having only one male member beside the pastor.

These women had, many of them, left homes of culture and comfort and with full consciousness of their loss in religious and educational advantages for themselves and their children, followed loyally their husbands to the new state; heroically they bore their privations and helped to lay religious foundations here.

Among the first women who thus came were such as Mrs. Martha Porter of Waterford and Northfield, a Massachusetts pastor's daughter, sister of Professor Snell of Amherst, at whose house she met her husband, Moses Porter, himself a great-grandson of President Jonathan Edwards. Queen, he always called her and queen-like she lived in her exquisitely-kept log house; queen-like she gave in gracious munificence to the struggling church.

There was Mrs. Eliza R. Shedd, that New Hampshire preceptress and teacher of French, Latin and mathematics in her husband's New Ipswich

Academy; she collected and arranged for Carleton College its first collection of geological specimens and arrowheads. She inevitably stimulated intellectually and spiritually, the Zumbrota church of which her husband was pastor. Together they exemplified the luxury of giving out of poverty. When he enfeebled from age was, to prevent his falling, tied to his chair at the loom, he wove rag carpets to earn his gifts to the Lord's work in the needy new state. A gift of twenty-five dollars sent anonymously to Carleton, bearing the message "this is hard earned money but gladly given for the Master's sake for the building of a Christian College," was from Mrs. Shedd. It manifested the indomitable will and invincible faith the clear vision and far horizon of Mrs. Shedd.

There, too, among these early workers in the church was Mrs. Mary Chapin Hall, sister of President Chapin, full of noble zeal for the upbuilding of the Home Missionary Churches. Mrs. Mary E. Nourse of Anoka and Northfield, is worthily remembered here, also. Living a simpler life than a Parisian author ever dreamed of, bringing up in her childless home at different times nine homeless children, she, like her husband, in her life gave the purity and integrity of her own character to her church, and rejoiced in the gifts of service, land and money which she gave to the church, college and home missionary society. When, at her death, a procession of college faculty and students singing her favorite hymns, followed her lifeless body around the land she had given to the college, it but typified the honor which the church of today owes to the women like her.

These women of 1856-1868 made, then, the church the center of their intellectual and social as well as of their spiritual lives; they cooked, cleaned, washed and sewed for the church. They earned by hardest methods much of the support of the church. They wove the rag carpets for its pulpit-platforms, moulded the candles for the "early candle light" service. What was said later was true of many churches "The deacon finds the oil, the pastor finds the fuel, the women find the janitor, the others find fault."

In the little church buildings springing up, the women nailed on the lath, or, as in Medford, painted the sash and puttied in the glass of the windows.

These women were the body and soul of the Sunday School, being sometimes, even in those days when women kept silent in the churches, superintendents, as that noble woman, Miss Abby Goodsell, afterward President of Wilson College and later for many years Lady Principal of Vassar College, was Superintendent of the Northfield Sunday School.

In short these women served their churches wherever service was possible, and sacrificed incredibly for their churches and for the new college.

These Congregational women kept the activities of the church alive during the long agonies of the civil war. There is a volume of significance in that fact.

They lived through the period by the grace of God and by that pioneer virtue, Hope.

But the hope was like that pictured by George Frederick Watts:—A

slenderly nourished woman in gown of uncertain tint is seated upon the world straining her bandaged eyes to catch a gleam from the one star shining in the deep night-blue; and she bends her head low over her lyre to catch, if she may the almost inaudible response to her touch upon its one remaining string. Yet not entirely like the sad picture were the Congregational women at the close of this period since, in 1868-1880 they, in sympathy with the new trend in national life entered upon a new phase, that of greater participation and of organization.

In 1868 the name of the first woman as delegate to the annual meeting of the Conference of Congregational Churches appeared, that of Mrs. Olive N. Haskell—a name worthy to be thus honored for her good work, in the Afton Church.

The number of women delegates slowly increased until in 1880, thirteen were representatives of their churches.

There presence at the annual meeting symbolized their greater participation in all the work of the church.

In the organizations of women in the churches, the initiation did not apparently come from the women themselves. It was in the Lake City meeting of 1872 when the Minnesota Home Missionary Society was formed that Rev. Austin Willey of Northfield offered the resolution, unanimously adopted, that "we invite the women of our connection throughout the state to unite in forming a Woman's Cent Society with a membership fee of one cent a week."

Later in the same meeting it was announced that the Woman's Cent Society had been formed with Mrs. E. J. Hart of Cottage Grove as treasurer; no other officer, apparently, being deemed necessary.

In the 1874 meeting the Conference encouraged and endorsed the new Woman's Cent Society and the next year published Mrs. Hart's report.

The next memorable step in organization is indicated by a paper read at the Conference meeting of 1878 from the Woman's Cent Society asking for advice as to the wisdom of continuing the society; the result was a committee to counsel the sisters.

Historians will always regret that in the following year, the report of that committee has as its only record the statement that the report was adopted, reconsidered, discussed and laid on the table.

Whatever the report was, at this same meeting the Woman's Cent Society was disbanded and the Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society —afterward merged in the Minnesota Missionary Union—was formed and for so many years has done noble service.

In this period, too, in 1876, the women organized their Minnesota Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior with Mrs. Morse of Austin as president.

Would that time allowed fuller mention of her who stamped her intellectual and spiritual personality upon a whole city and county, or of the many noble women who in this period through the women's organizations or through other work.

Such were Mrs. L. H. Cobb with a heart as overflowing with love as was her house with the contents of missionary boxes; Mrs. Henry Plant laying down her life for her labors as secretary of the women's foreign work; Mrs. E. J. Williams for nine years as President, the strong personification of the Woman's Home Missionary society; Mrs. J. W. Strong and others who performed for years the arduous duties of treasurers of their societies—and women of like ability and consecration in all corners of the state, many of whom are still faithfully serving their generation.

And since this period? Of that all the Congregational world of Minnesota knoweth.

Since, however, it ill becomes a woman to speak eulogistically of women's later work in the state and as, "Confess your faults one to another," is wise Biblical counsel, this last minute alloted to this presentation may fittingly be given to voicing the confession of many of the most thoughtful women of the state.

The Church still suffers because the women of the Church shirk their fair share of the responsibility in the business interests and general administration of the Church, and in its larger plans.

We speak frankly, we have been lacking in initiative.

We have made the social life of the Church a mercenary affair, so that an unmercenary social affair there is a rare event.

We have made trivial each woman's part in the Church hospitality by making the Church's hospitality, which is often lacking the personal touch, a substitute for the old-time hospitality to strangers or to others outside of "the set" in the private home.

We have, in feeding, overfed men and women in the Church, wasted energy, strength and enthusiasm which might have been expended in fostering boys' clubs and reading rooms and social circles and used in winning by personal attention and kindness the girls and young people of the Church, and in friendly intercourse with those who might be won to cast off their hostility to the Christian religion.

We have done menial service, not to win souls, but to earn petty sums of money, which, if needed, may well now, in Minnesota's prosperous era, be included as necessaries in the church budget for the running expenses. We have separated ourselves in thought for "women's work," from the work of the Church as a whole.

The little good in all our women's work in the Church we have magnified into service to religion.

We humbly make confession and look for nobler work for Congregational women in the next fifty years. We honestly desire to do the great work of the Church. Woe be unto us if there be not real advance in the future.

Forward and upward we look: not Watts' but Burne Jones' hope is ours as we think of the coming women who will more fittingly "serve the present age." We, too, stand with our feet on the forget-me-nots and with chains to tie us down, but with our lilies in our hands from behind our

bars we look upward and onward to the heavens where the stars are brightly shining.

"OUR INSTITUTIONS."

Rev. George R. Merrill.

I suppose that I am called to a place on this program as a recognition of the intimate relation here, and all over the land, of the Congregational Home Missionary Society to the Academy and College.

From New Connecticut to the shores of the Pacific, wherever the representatives of the Home Missionary Society have gone to possess imperial domain in the name of Christ, they have made haste to provide for an intelligent Christianity by setting in place, at sacrifice, the foundation of institutions of education.

If you study on your Congregational map of the U. S. the chain of Colleges of our founding, stretching from East to West, from Harvard to the University of California, over parallel of latitude from Middlebury to Rawlins, from Olivet to Talladega, from Fargo to Straight, from Waitman to Pomona, and realize that as you journey there will soon be a night when you cannot rest at academy or college, it will not seem without reason that we have been called the "College Building Denomination." In later days other bodies of Christians have emulated our example and, it may be, surpassed us in achievement. But one peculiarity has remained our own.

The college and academy-building of every other body of Christians has placed in front the denominational name and insisted on denominational control. From Harvard and Yale to Fargo and Kingfisher, we have placed no tag, and insisted on no denominational teaching.

Enough for us if in a land of freedom, where truth is to win its own victory, a light is lighted to be fed and trimmed as each generation shall come under the guidance of the Living Lord to know how it ought to walk. Apparently it is a poor way to build up a Denomination, but experience has shown that it is a good way to build men and women who may be trusted with the destinies of a State. It was in strict conformity with Congregational usage and was the inevitable outcome of the Congregational spirit that while Minnesota had but a handful of churches and those almost entirely dependent upon missionary aid, the little company of Home Missionary churches, assembled in General Association at Northfield, should lay down before the Lord for the establishment of a College an offering, whose amount, compared with their slender resources has seldom been surpassed even in the most royal gifts to education.

It was equally natural and inevitable in the course of events that

Montevideo Academy, now Windom Institute, should have its birth from the heart and brain of a Home Missionary Pastor.

In the presence of those who can look upon Carleton and Windom with the Latin poet's words:

"These things I myself have seen
And in them know myself a worthy part."

it would be most out of place for me to attempt any history of these institutions of ours.

There is an inquiry forced upon us by the thoughts of many minds whose consideration seems pertinent to the occasion.

The State, of whose citizenship we are a part, is definitely committed to offering most widely to its sons and daughters, not only the opportunity of elementary education, but of secondary and higher education as well. The High School and the University with not only all our taxable property behind them, but with the resoures of a vast, and in the future still larger, school fund are with us to stay.

Has the secondary and advanced school which must be supported painfully by private benevolence, under such circumstances, a reason for being, and a work to do, that is worth the growing sums it will cost? It is not an economic or theoretical question. It is being asked, to my knowledge, by serious minded people in Minnesota. It is being answered in a way that seems to me illogical and insufficient. It is not a question to be lightly answered. It does not meet it to say that we had the College before the policy of the State was comprehended; that too much money has been put into it to be lost; least of all is it an answer to attempt to set in antagonism institutions under state control and those administered by self-perpetuating Boards of Trust as the one "Godless" and the other "Christian."

I have spent too many years hard by the University of Minnesota, have had too many of its Faculty as my steadfast helpers and too many of its students as loved and earnest workers in Endeavor Society and Sunday School: I have had too much knowledge of the temper of the men and women who teach in the public schools to whom the care of my own children has been committed, to have any patience with the slur of "Godless schools." The Public Schools of Minnesota will always be as Godly as the people of Minnesota care to have them, and what more can be demanded?

There appear to be two considerations that may be properly urged, and that have decisive force in forming my own conviction. They have to do not with what is accidental or occasional, but with what is necessarily fundamental and abiding, with the purpose and ideals, and that in actual working, of the two classes of institutions we have before us.

The State Institution, naturally and inevitably, comes to put its emphasis, in constantly increasing measure, upon immediately productive courses of study. In the age-long controversy as to whether the end of education is knowledge or culture, it leans increasingly to the side of knowledge, and that knowledge which can be most speedily and success-

fully, in accordance with the demands of the time, transmitted into power and wealth. The only exception I know of to this tendency is in the case of the University of California which is under special obligations to culture by the provisions of its foundation.

This situation fits in perfectly with the modern meaning of the university, as we may presently see, and its relation to the high development of the state it is not possible easily to over-estimate.

Incidentally it should be noted that this emphasis in the work of the University is adapted to bring to it a large number of mature students whose characters are formed.

The College differs in its emphasis, not simply because from its more slender resources it could only weakly duplicate the provision made by the State for technical training, but of purpose, and with reason. It devotes itself to those foundation-studies by which character is formed and on which in later years any sort of superstructure may be builded.

It is because of this emphasis that the college receives the larger number of those who are in the formation period as to character, and so in peculiar relation to their surroundings of all sorts.

This difference in emphasis and tendency which is a matter of observation and which is the first consideration urged on our way to answer to our inquiry, is not an accidental thing, or what springs simply from the present situation. It is based on fundamental difference in ideal.

Let me not be thought as by this intending to prejudge the case. The differing ideals may be equally worthy and the attainment of each may be, as I think it is, of high importance for the future of the community.

The thing to be noted now is that they are different.

The historical ideal of the University is as a body of scholars, of various grades of proficiency, devoting themselves in groups to pursuing knowledge in all the broad ranges of its possibilities. The "universum" is of knowledge itself.

In this ancient sense, in which the great foundations of the old world are Universities, we have no Universities under State control in this country. Because of the necessity of the case one important province of investigation must be left out; the "Queen of Sciences" could not have a place given her without injustice and disaster.

The ideal is changed therefore; the "universal" aimed at, by virtue of which institutions have a right to the name, has come to refer to those who shall receive instruction; and the noble and worthy aim, which is so generously provided for, and whose realization is advancing by such leaps and bounds in Minnesota, is to bring the higher education within reach of all, and to secure for the state that pearl of great price, an intelligent citizenship.

If I may use the words without offence, the State University is essentially democratic; but the College in the State is essentially aristocratic. The College historically was never intended for all, but for selected persons, and those selected persons were to be trained by it, primarily, for religous leadership.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The trustees of the Congregational Ministerial Relief Society of Minnesota greet the State Association in its annual meeting with gratitude to God for a good year, and thanks to the Association, the seven conferences. and the twenty-five churches, which have not forgotten nor neglected this worthy cause.

In God's good providence there have been no new instances of disability and pressing need among our brothers and sisters. The five families we have assisted are quite likely to need our help in coming days; and we ought not to withhold from them, nor from others who may come into like circumstances.

We have been permitted to relieve the temporary embarrassment of two brothers by timely loans; and the Association's helping hand in these ministries will not be forgotten.

The invested funds have brought no dividend the past year. The buildings are old and need much in the way of repairs. No contributed funds are used for repairs. The property cares for itself. The trustees are trying to dispose of the property, to reinvest in something which will bring larger returns.

While your trustees are grateful for gifts received, it seems to them that out of, at least, eighty self-supporting churches more than twenty-five might contribute to this object, if so disposed; and they would be so disposed, if the pastors would simply present it and give it half a chance. It won't take a dollar from any pastor's salary to bring the need of some of his afflicted brothers to the attention of his people. If they give to this need they will give none the less to his salary.

Will not some of our wealthy laymen put this cause in their wills, and start a Minnesota endowment for Congregational Ministerial relief? This has been done in Massachusetts and Connecticut by Congregational laymen. Are not Minnesota laymen as generous as their brothers in Massachusetts and Connecticut? They surely are not lacking in the ability.

Brother, when you pass over the river, you will, perforce, leave all your possessions on this side. Ask yourself: Can I make better use of a portion of that which I must leave than by making of it a nest egg for this good cause?

Respectfully submitted,

S. V. S. FISHER, Secretary.

The Congregational Ministerial Relief Society
In account with S. V. S. Fisher, Treasurer.

Receipts:

Balance October 1, 1905	$257.92
Contributions from twenty-five churches	144.19
Contribution of State Association	54.38
Contribution of Western Conference (2 years)	16.85
Contribution of Anoka Conference	10.66
Contribution of Mankato Conference	5.35
Contribution of Central Conference	5.00
Contribution of Minnesota Valley Conference (2 years)	11.93
Contribution of Northern Pacific Conference	7.78
Loans repaid	125.00
Interest	11.05
Tax refunded	10.03
Total	$660.14

Disbursements:

Loans	$ 90.00	
Aid in five cases	220.00	
Envelopes and postage	2.50	
	$312.50	$660.14
		$312.50
Balance		$347.64

Minneapolis, October 1, 1906.

I have examined the foregoing account and found the same correct.

HARLAN P. ROBERTS, Auditor.

Minneapolis, October 4, 1906.

CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PUBLISHING SOCIETY

FOUNDATION MEN.

One bright morning this summer I was walking with my little lad at my side when we saw a team laboriously approaching along the street. "Father," he asked, "What is that team coming?" "That," said I, "is one of the foundation men. He has a load of stone for a foundation somewhere." As we strolled along toward the car line that phrase, "Foundation man," kept repeating itself over and over to me and I thought how finely that described the work done for the Kingdom of God, for our denomination, for our land, by the representatives of the missionary work of the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society.

If you could meet for once with these superintendents and missionaries of our Sunday School Society as they bring reports from Wyoming, Michigan, Washington, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Kansas and all the other great commonwealths in the newer part of our land you would feel impressed that here were the foundation men of our denomination. To come to our own great commonwealth of Minnesota with this thought in mind we shall notice of these foundation men working within our borders—Stickney, Howard, Okerstein, A. S. Parks, Conard and your superintendent—that they are the men who are at the beginnings of each new center of growth. As a rule the churches of the last eighteen years have grown out of this missionary work, directly or were helped from their beginning by discovery, supplies, organization, counsel, with building plans or in some essential way. Out of perhaps eighty churches organized since the Sunday-school society began work in 1888—churches now on our roll—sixty-four were helped in foundation laying by the society.

FIRST WORK.—Foundation work is the FIRST WORK. And how important to have the first work done rightly. If a business block is being built on yonder lot what a mistake it would be to have the walls angling with the street; to have weak or narrow walls, to have the walls bowing inward or any one of the hundred defects that might exist. No! If the building is to rise strong and firm, story on story, the first things must be done rightly. When our Mr. Howard, working alone along that forest boundary next to Canada, chooses the Black River settlement or Birchdale as a center of religious effort he needs the wisdom of a "Foundation man," that these first moves may be rightly made—may look toward a long and sure future. The Society has taken great pains to select for such work, men of

judgment. Evangelistic froth and hysterical reports are not what it is looking for. It wants this first work of foundation laying to be done to stay. And the permanent results which have followed in all the newer parts of the land—in Washington and Texas, as well as in Minnesota—confirm the wisdom of its management.

Again; foundation laying is a modest work as compared with the putting together of the rapidly mounting frame, the construction of the shapely walls or the brilliant painting of the finished structure. Perhaps this is the reason that our churches give this courageous grappling in a hand-to-hand conflict with evil on the frontier so small a portion of their benevolence. Think of the service which Mr. Conard or Mr. Parks is rendering the churches of our state! Mr. Conard has twelve communities scattered through the woods of six counties up there in northern Minnesota. In each of these twelve places is a little group of those who love Christ and want others—their neighbors—to share this joy and hope. To these lonely companies of believers, often standing over opposite open and boastful wickedness, comes this messenger of our churches with his wise counsels, his great faith and patient help in all the problems of foundation laying. Over yonder to the west, in four counties, originally a part of this large circuit, is Mr. Conard's helper, Rev. A. S. Parks—a true yoke-fellow, loving to preach Jesus Christ in some forgotten community until he can cause to burst into flame the Christian zeal that lies under the gray ashes of this lonely life. What better service is being done for Christ than such modest work where foundations are being laid? And why should any church in Minnesota set down a paltry two or three percent of all its gifts for such hand-to-hand work for Christ as that? "The godly women who labor with us" have come to an understanding of the worth of such work and are steadily increasing the proportion of their gifts to this foundation work. Let the churches and Endeavor Societies fall in line.

Finally: The "Foundation man" is an essential man. Whatever else may be said of a foundation we have the great parable of Christ to show that foundation work is an essential work. In my neighborhood a certain person built a store. I saw them dig away the sod and lay down some joists on the ground and erect the store building without a foundation. But this year I have watched them again as with great labor they raised the building and put the foundation underneath. There was no future without it. What would Congregationalism do in these strenuous days without the work of exploring, organizing, nourishing, developing done by the fifty workers of the Sunday-school Society? How keen has Mr. Stickney been in northwestern Minnesota to find out the promising communities, to search out the scattered workers and bring them into an organization, to some way find a preacher for them, to build a house of worship, sometimes putting in hundreds of dollars of his own money to tide over until help could come? When the true story of our work in that section of the state is told it will appear how essential has been and is the foundation laying done by this tireless servant of God. The very life of several of our little churches, which had been

cared for in their early days by Mr. Stickney, has this very year been saved by his faith and labors. And what shall I say of this essential work of the "Foundation man" as done by Mr. Okerstein through the central part of the state! Not only has he gathered the workers in these Swedish-American communities into an organization but he has followed one and another to their homes and with the gentleness which is in Christ and a rare native tact he has talked and prayed until the gates of the Kingdom swung open and there entered into this earthly communion of saints a new soul, loving and trusting his Redeemer.

This is the eighteenth year that I have stood face to face with this work of the "foundation man" and how shall I express my sense of the inadequacy of the means to the glorious end which is sought. In the planting and caring for city church-extension work, in reaching out to various communities in the central part of the state, in participating in one way and another in the spread of Christ's Kingdom these eighteen years I have come to know that this building of churches and missions is on a different basis in many respects from what the mere materialist can understand. When a man, asking God for wisdom, lays a religious foundation with faith, prayer and consecration it is wonderful to see how God adds His blessing in a thousand ways and makes this little one to grow in strength and power until its fingers of blessing touch the earth's remotest bounds. That loaves and fishes are multiplied today to the feeding of the multitude hungering for the Gospel every missionary who has labored in faith can testify.

Away then with cowardice and niggardly planning and lift up the cry for an era of generous giving for the spread of His Kingdom, which we love—that Kingdom which has no end.

ROBERT P. HERRICK.

STATISTICS OF WORK IN MINNESOTA, FROM SEPT. 1, 1905, TO SEPT. 15, '06.

Schools organized	18
Schools reorganized	6
Total	24
Schools visited	272
Pastors and Supts. Visited	254
Institutes and S. S. Conventions attended	13
Meetings attended	397
Sermons and Addresses	810
Amts. Recd. for Missy. Dept. Aug. to Aug	$ 1,734.72
Miles traveled	48,554
Salaries, six workers	$3,452
Expenses, six workers	$ 1,267.39

Employed wholly or partly by the Society, Messrs. Stickney, Howard, A. S. Parks, Conard, Okerstein, Herrick.

Needed from Minnesota the Coming Year, not less than $2,500.

THE CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Secretaries .....Rev. Joseph B. Clark, D. D., Rev. Washington Choate, D. D.
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THE MINNESOTA MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

DIRECTORS.

Rev. Samuel G. Smith	Term expires 1909
Hon. Geo. E. Perley	Term expires 1909
Hon. W. H. Laird	Term expires 1908
A. C. Anderson	Term expires 1908
Pres. William H. Sallmon	Term expires 1908
Edwin S. Slater	Term expires 1907
Hon. Lowell E. Jepson	Term expires 1907
Hon. A. A. Miller	Term expires 1907
Rev. Henry Holmes	Term expires 1907

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Thursday afternoon, Oct. 4th

The meeting was called to order by the President, Rev. S. G. Smith, Scripture was read by Rev. E. B. Dean, and prayer was offered by Rev. C. E. Burton. The nominating Committee and Scribe of the Association were requested to act in same capacity for the Society. Rev. Geo. R. Merrill, Superintendent of the Minnesota Home Missionary Society presented a review of the Home Missionary year with the following recommendations which were adopted.

That the Directors of the Society be instructed:

1. To make formal request of the Executive Committee of the Congregational Home Missionary Society that Minnesota be admitted as a "Co-operating State."

2. To make such modifications in the provisions of the present Constitution and By-Laws as may be necessary to conform to the articles of incorporation, subject to any needed revision at the next meeting of the Society.

3. To endeavor to secure from other denominations doing work in the State, the formation of a joint committee of Federation, to deal with questions of difficulty that exist or may arise, with a view to prevent strife, and the waste of money and men.

4. If the endeavor to do Minnesota work with Minnesota money for the present year, April, 1906-April, 1907 is successful, to make preparations for self-support and the relation of a "Constituent State" to the Congregational Home Missionary Society, not later than 1910.

Mr. E. S. Slater, Secretary of the Board of Directors, reported articles of incorporation of the Minnesota Home Missionary Society.

On motion the articles of incorporation as presented were approved and the Board of Directors instructed to incorporate with them with such amendments as may be found necessary.

The nominating Committee was empowered to nominate two additional directors to complete the number called for under the new corporation.

The Committee appointed by the Board of Directors in accordance with the request of the last State Association to make an un-official visitation of the Missionary fields, presented their reports and addresses were made by them.

REV. S. G. SMITH, D. D., Chairman,
The Plan and Scope of the Visitation.

REV. F. A. SUMNER,
Facts and Figures.

PRES. W. H. SALLMON, D. D.
Conclusions and Outlook.

THE HOME MISSIONARY YEAR — 1905-1906.

By George R. Merrill, D. D. Supt.

The C. H. M. S.

The reorganization of The Congregational Home Missionary Society, under consideration a year ago, was effected at the annual meeting in Chicago in June last. At that meeting Minnesota was ably represented and was honored by having its representative placed upon the new Board of Directors.

Under the new order Minnesota, by securing the incorporation of its state society and making request, may be admitted to the privilege and new responsibilities of a "Co-operating State."

It is understood that the Directors of the Minnesota Society

have articles of incorporation to present, drawn with sufficient breadth to enable the associated Churches of the State to perform through it any service of fellowship for which a legal body may be advisable. It is recommended that, if these articles are accepted, the Directors be instructed to make such modifications in the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws as may be necessary to conform to the language of the articles of incorporation, their work being subject to any needed revision at the next meeting of the Society.

A New Era

There has been a gratifying increase of receipts into the Treasury since the new order was established and there seems ground for entertaining the hope that we have entered upon a new era in our attempt to solve the missionary problem of our own land, which has rightly been named as the most complex, shifting and varied, the most urgent and imperative presented in any land upon which the sun shines.

In the midst of the National problem, presenting all its variety and urgency in minature, is the

MINNESOTA PROBLEM.

Organized Congregationalism, fifty years old now in the State, has never faced it properly. The ample backing of the National Society has left us without any serious burden in the provision of funds. Whatever Minnesota has been inclined to give has been taken and made up to the amount requisite to do the truly wonderful work that has been accomplished. Our ordinary worry has not been that we did not give more but that we did not get more.

Meanwhile other departments of the one work have applied pressure in wise and persistent efforts to raise money, until for the few years past the singular spectacle has been presented of a state receiving for Home Missions so called, nearly as much as it contributed for what, for convenience, we call Foreign Missions.

But a new era has come; at least it is dawning. Nobody who knows me will suspect me of any wish to take away a dime from Christ's work in India or China or Africa; but there are equities that are to be respected.

The Year in Minnesota

This fiftieth year of organized Congregational Work in the State has been for the Home Missionary Field, a year of religious revival, of large additions in many fields, of an awakening sense that the fellowship of helpfulness between the Churches, and the share that falls to us in the evangelization of the waste places and the supply of Christian institutions to new communities, is our own work to whose measure we must lift ourselves; a year

of enlarged offerings and enlarging views of what even the smallest Christian Church must stand for in the community.

New Churches

It might easily enough have been made a year preeminent among the years of the half-century in its record of new churches. Communities have pressed upon us for the organization of the Christian forces in them. But as the means at disposal would not make it possible to aid them to the sort of life that would be profitable for them or creditable to us, we have been obliged either to hold them by the slender thread of a hope for a better time not too far distant or pass them over to others who were prepared to care for them. Even under such conditions, as the report of the State Secretary shows, there have been additions to the roll.

Our Offering

The receipts from Minnesota reported by the Treasurer at New York from Sept. 1, 1905, to Aug. 31, 1906, amount to $7,624.44, an actual gain, in the gifts of the living, for the year of $2,495.44.

In the Field

The Field Force of the year has consisted of Rev. C. B. Fellows, General Missionary and Evangelist, Rev. H. P. Fisher, who has been continued as General Missionary in the Northern Pacific Conference by a repetition of the generous gift of Mr. Arthur P. Stacy of Plymouth Church, Minneapolis, and the Superintendent. For these the year has been one of constant occupation with problems of inner church life and denominational relations, made more difficult and delicate than usual by the embarrassment of the Treasury.

Mr. Fellows

Mr. Fellows has been abundant in evangelistic service and has had particular care of Rose Creek and Taopi, Lamberton and Walnut Grove, Zimmerman and Marine Mills, Bertha and Clarissa, and has opened the ground for our work in Cook County.

Mr. Fisher

Mr. Fisher has had upon his hands the pastorless fields in the Northern Pacific Conference, where in the situation it has been useless to attempt a settled ministry, and has visited from time to time the towns that are springing up on the Soo Extension and various other new roads in the territory.

The Superintendent

The Superintendent has visited eighty-six fields and churches, involving a railroad travel of nineteen thousand miles, besides attending unassisted to the work and correspondence of the office. He has often had occasion to remind anxious correspondents, and brethren equally anxious to see him, that, however much he may regret it, his "astral body" is not as yet so developed that he can be in the office to receive their letters or themselves, and on the field at the same time, or on two places in the field at once.

Has limitations

The brotherly sympathy and friendliness that have marked the work in the field for the year past have been most gratifying. The desire of the Superintendent has been to put away at the farthest remove any taint or savor of officialism; to be recognized as a helper and counsellor whose affection can be depended upon, and whose experience, so far as it is of value, is at the service of all. **Is no "official"**

Whatever the immediate efficiency of it may seem to be, our way has no room for the man with the big stick, or for any relation of supervision that cannot be comprehended under the word "fellowship," with the spirit and limitations that it involves. It may be more easy, today, to get along with a circle of loose-jointed organizations whose breath of life is in an official than with the same number of churches held fast to and building up into their immediate relationship to Jesus Christ, with the obligation of the initiative resting upon them. But we are planning for the future; to place in that future spirit-guided communities that have learned to do their own business to the Lord. Almost three centuries of church-life in this country and a half-century in this state, only justify in results, in the men and women who are grown, and the sort of life that is produced, the competency of the fundamental principles on which our work rests. **Our aim**

It used to be our claim that we could go into a community and unite in it, in a manner possible to no other way of church-life, all the Christians of it into the church of the town, without asking any one to forego or disallow any cherished conviction or fact of previous religious life.

We still claim that we can do this, and that with all their recognized excellencies and strength no other body of Christians can do it.

The growth of our Denominational consciousness has brought us to another place, where we dare affirm, that taking our own mixed and heterogeneous population as it is, our free system provides, as does no other, for the immediate and practical working into life of those principles that make for the best citizenship. **The Proof**

Our right as a denomination to be in Minnesota and to push the development of our order of walking, does not rest on our age, or the superior training of our ministry, but on our ability to bring to pass what the state most needs.

If we are sure we have that to give which nobody else can give in so efficient and economical a way, we shall press our work to the point of sacrifice.

If we are not, we had better leave the field to those who believe in themselves and that they have a deposit from the Lord.

The Visitation

The Unofficial Visitation of the Home Missionary Field directed a year ago has been carried out, with an increase of knowledge and sympathy, I am sure, on the part of the brethren who took part in it, and to the encouragement and profit of the fields visited.

One after another the churches that were touched in this circle of ministry have expressed to me their enjoyment of these visits and their sense of benefits derived.

The Rainy River District

Our survey of the year begins with the Rainy River District, where contending business and political interests have retarded growth and are holding back development that was due ere this. Here are our outposts where in truly apostolic fashion Brethren Howard and McClane have passed the year.

In the "shack" at *International Falls,* Mr. McClane has found service ready for his hand that was not included in the Seminary course on Pastoral Theology, and more than one mother has blessed God for the room and the man that have kept her boy in the manifold temptations of this frontier town. It has been a common thing to find a dozen or fifteen young men gathered in the evening in the one room which is always open and serves for audience room, reading-room, parsonage and study. No better Home Missionary investment has been made this year than that of the Park Avenue Church in Minneapolis and the Women's Home Missionary Union of the State in providing and manning this place of refuge.

By the kindness of a member of the First Church in Minneapolis, an additional room is to be finished to secure the Pastor an occasional bit of privacy for thought and study.

In *the rest of* the Rainy River *Valley,* where pending the long delayed coming of the railways, centers are as yet only prospective, Rev. T. W. Howard is walking up and down, representing Jesus Christ for us at neighborhood centers and from homestead to homestead. The Sunday School Society has a hundred dollars interest in his work, and the Woman's Home Missionary Union, largely through the Endeavor Societies of the State, do the rest. The response of the *Endeavor Societies* has been so ready and their interest, wherever approached, so great that it is hoped that next year they will be able to take the whole of the support, and make Mr. Howard their Missionary in deed as well as in name.

There are no figures that can be tabulated concerning the work in this District; the results that can be expressed are very small from any human point of view. But there has been joy in heaven more than once or twice this year that there have been two resident ministers in the Valley.

The Northern Central District

In the Northern Central District the year has been a hard one, from the poor crops of the preceding year and the many removals. Of course those who move to better themselves are those able to do so and to make new ventures, and it is no accident that they are usually the very ones on whom the little churches have depended most.

Akeley has improved the church property, with pastor Arnold for master-workman, has strengthened its position in the community and made some spiritual advance.

Aldrich and *New York Mills* have prospered under the care of Rev. E. E. Lindsley.

Bertha and *Clarissa* have long been yoked, not for convenience or efficiency, but of necessity. An arrangement has now been made by which Bertha joins with the neighboring United Brethren Church at Eagle Bend in the support of a pastor, and Clarissa secures the services of Rev. T. W. Gulick as resident pastor. The result is a much more satisfactory service for each community, and a reduction of one-third in the amount of missionary aid required.

Backus, Hackensack, Turtle River and Hill City, fall into the Church-section of Rev. J. W. Conard's great parish, occupying half his time, the other half being given to the service of the Sunday School Society. The interest has been as well sustained as could be expected, but there is no question that, as soon as possible, the churches should be put under pastoral care, and Mr. Conard left free for the large possibilities of Sunday School work.

Cass Lake took on new courage with the coming of Rev. D. E. Wilson, and the response to his ministry has been such as to show that with a due continuance there would be results to justify the money and the men expended upon this field.

Fertile has suffered much from removals but is doing its faithful best.

Lake Park and *Audubon* with which *Ulen* has been joined, were prospering under the ministry of Rev. Henry Symons, when Ada, with its larger opportunities, seemed to need him and he was translated.

McIntosh, Erskine and *Mentor* have been bravely sustained by Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Harris, under the continued pressure of a most flagrant course of sectarian intrusion. It looks now, however, as if they were coming out as they ought to do.

Park Rapids, from a lack of inward harmony and a condition of general apathy, has been without services this year except for the visits of the General Missionary. The situation is, however, by no means without hope.

Nymore, Solway, Shevlin, and points adjacent, have been in

charge of Rev. A. G. Parks, and at each place there have been additions and material gains. A formal organization has been effected, with Council, at Nymore.

Fosston had much rejoicing in the coming to it of Rev. L. A. Sahlstrom. But after a short season of acceptable ministry his health proved insufficient for the strain, and to everybody's regret he was obliged to surrender the work. For the balance of the year such care has been given as was in the General Missionary's power, but it is hoped an arrangement may be made with McIntosh that will be satisfactory.

Walker, under the faithful care of Rev. Geo. Michael, has gathered its first fruits in a class of young people trained beneath the eyes of the pastor and his wife.

West Duluth has received much of spiritual blessing, and the careful and persistent labor of Pastor H. W. Johnson and his faithful helpers has begun to bear fruit, with a most hopeful outlook into the future.

Bagley is making steady and substantial progress under the ministry of Rev. A. C. Woodcock, and the church is a constant factor in all that has to do with the well-being of the community.

Biwabik is called, at the end of the year, to surrender Rev. H. H. Stutson, whose gentle spirit and faithful walk, with his diligence in opening the word of God, have had full appreciation.

Of this District as a whole it is to be said, that regarding it as a field for the preaching of the Gospel, both where there are organized churches, and in the much greater part of it where no organization has as yet seemed feasible, our work is to be regarded with satisfaction. The General Missionary, Rev. Mr. Conard in his service for the two Societies, and notably such pastors as Mr. Parks, have gone far and wide over this great territory preaching Christ. It has been a great and necessary work, and we should be thankful for the privilege of doing it. On the other hand work in the same territory, in the organized churches, or looking to organization, cannot be said on the whole, with some marked exceptions, to have amounted to more than "marking time." The reason is only too apparent; too few men, and insufficient support. The time has come in this District when we must fairly face the question whether the evangelistic work shall be limited, that we may better sustain the churches as centers of activity, or the number of churches aided be reduced in order that the preaching may be more widely known. Of course there is another way out as every one can see, more money in the treasury, so as to furnish sufficient capital for all the business.

It is in this region that sectarianism shows itself in most

unlovely forms and that the lack of comity proves a most serious hindrance to the effectiveness of missionary work.

I wish very much that the Directors of the Minnesota Society may be instructed to make one more carefully planned endeavor to secure, at least for this region, a representative Federation Committee, under whose influence some securities may be gained for work done, and some protection for the workers.

The Central District

The Central District presents many aspects of cheer. Some of the hopes of a year ago have been realized. *Campbell* and *Tintah, Appleton* and *Corell, Clearwater* and *Hasty* have become self-supporting, and *Graceville* and *Chokio* are in the temporary hopefulness of a union that will make them so. *North Branch* has secured a pastor and the outlook is good.

Marine Mills and *Zimmerman* have been kept along by Rev. Mr. Fellows, an organization effected at Zimmerman, supplies furnished through the winter.

New Paynesville has had services from Rev. Jas. Earl half the time, evangelistic meetings have been held, and things are moving once more.

Round Prairie is quietly building up into a strong rural church. An out-station has been opened at Davis, which promises to add something to the field. As for many years Dr. Locke gives it a ministry that never fails in appreciation.

Brainerd Peoples was fortunate in filling the place left vacant by Rev. E. P. Kuhl, because of failing health, with Mr. E. P. Berry, whose special adaptations to the field give promise of a useful ministry.

The Burtrum-Gray Eagle-Swanville-Pillsbury field has had increase and strengthening, materially and spiritually, at Burtrum, and has been greatly weakened by removals from Gray Eagle. The field is too large for one man to cover to the best advantage, though Pastor Washington has been faithful and acceptable in his endeavor to do so.

It is expected to complete arrangements for the union in Gray Eagle of our church and that of the United Brethren, and to open another preaching station near Burtrum, making a much more compact and readily handled field. This done, the prospects for growth will be favorable.

Milaca had expected to go alone this year, but the removal of the mill has temporarily weakened our interest, and though the pastor, Rev. D. P. Olin, has been most earnest about a declaration of independence it must be deferred.

Marietta and *Nassau* have been greatly enlarged as a result of evangelistic services.

Sauk Rapids has secured a parsonage and enjoyed a year of marked progress. At the out-station, Cable, forces have been

hopefully rallied. Rev. W. N. Payne, the pastor, has also conducted cottage-services in St. Cloud. The general outlook for this field is the brightest for years.

All the work in this District is cared for and flourishing except at *Starbuck,* where the way has not seemed open to resume services.

The Southern District

In the Southern District the efficient services of the different Fellowship Committees largely explains the situation.

In the area of the Southeastern Conference *Maseppa* and *Zumbro Falls, Winona Second, Morristown* and *Waterville* are supplied with pastors, and are prospering. At *Taopi,* where work has been suspended for several years, the coming of some new families here seemed to make a fresh start in connection with *Rose Creek* a possibility, and a pastor has been provided.

A year ago I spoke of Lyle, and the union of its divided people into the one church of the town. That union has been accomplished, and a spirit of revival rests upon the church. It has become a force for righteousness in the community. The happy pastor writes that he never has to preach to empty pews now, and that there is money enough for the Lord's work. The amount of aid voted the church has been refunded, and *Lyle,* under the pastorate of Rev. C. A. Ruddock, takes its place among the self-supporting churches.

In the field of the Mankato Conference, the *Mankato Circuit* has had a prosperous year. and the method of work has so approved itself that a second circuit has been formed by the Mankato church without asking aid from the Society.

Center Chain and *Ceylon,* separated from each other by a long and hard drive, have dissolved their pastoral connection. While the immediate result is to prolong the term in which *Ceylon,* on account of the unnecessary division of the town by sectarian zeal, will demand aid, *Center Chain,* with a pastor of its own, may take its place in the front of our rural churches.

Granada has made progress, but unfortunately closes the year with the resignation of Rev. O. D. Crawford.

Cambria has celebrated its jubilee. made improvement on its property, grown in numbers and in grace, and its enthusiastic pastor thinks that in another year, with the outstation that has been opened, self-support will be possible.

Lake Benton, Walnut Grove and *Lamberton* are without pastors. It is planned to join together the two latter for the present.

The *Custer* people who had been scattered have gathered together, and with *Garvin* the year has been a successful one in all forms of service.

At *Comfrey,* in the *Springfield-Selma* field, a church has been

organized by Council, and by taking this third charge upon his shoulders Pastor Upton makes the field self-supporting. Every part of it has been blessed with revival and in it all the work of the Lord is a joy.

I am impressed with the failure of these statements of review to get before us, the value of the steadfast witness, the self-sacrificing endeavor of these churches out in the state to hold the light aloft, and the value to our common life as a state of their work. A better and more faithful band of men never was than this company of our rural Home Missionaries, only surpassed, in diligence and labor, in sweetness of burden bearing and courage of faith, by the company of women who labor by their sides.

Brownton and *Stewart* have flourished and increased under the ministry of Rev. Jas. Earl. *Gaylord,* cherished and nourished from smallest beginnings by Rev. H. B. Beard to its comely church building and its weekly service has a pastor of its own.

Granite Falls, at the close of the faithful ministry of Rev. H. C. Todd, is in better condition than at any previous time to match itself against the peculiar difficulties and great opportunities of the field. With the right man for pastor and the splendid spirit that is manifested in the church it does not seem unreasonable to expect large things from Granite Falls.

In the Cities the work under the care of the Society has gone forward without any marked changes but with substantial growth.

St. Paul

In St. Paul *University Avenue* is left without a pastor and with the building problem before it, but it has never been in so good shape to meet its problem. The mission at *Gladstone,* under the care of Rev. A. A. Secord and Pacific Church, has had a bright and successful year and prospects are excellent.

Minneapolis

In Minneapolis Bethany and 38th Street are making good progress; Minnehaha has outgrown its building, and interest has visibly increased at Lynnhurst though as yet the way to organization has not seemed clear. The work in these two places has been fortunate in having the services of Rev. W. J. Palm, whose ministry is most acceptable in each. *New Brighton* has been cared for with the Open Door Church and its work has prospered materially and spiritually through Mr. Carlson's labors. It looks as though a new door of opportunity may be set before the faithful little church which has refused to be discouraged in the years that seemed to have so little of promise in them.

Our Appropriation

In February I was notified that on account of the burden of debt resting on the Society the apportionment for Minnesota, brought down by successive rapid reductions from $15,000 to $10,500, must be still further reduced, and that the schedule must be prepared on a basis of $9,000 for the present year.

The attempt a year ago to bring our absolute needs within the limit of $10,500 had been so trying a one to the Schedule Committee and had proved so impossible, that I had no heart to call them together to make the attempt to meet this new reduction. The only possible answer seemed to be that to schedule our work for the year on $9,000 was beyond me and that the only thing I could see was to leave with the Executive Committee the responsibility of cutting off enough work to meet the reduction.

Impossible to do the work

There was an alternative, but it seemed so unlikely of realization that I did not feel at liberty to make anybody else responsible for attempting it, and it was even some weeks before I confessed to myself that I was attempting it. That alternative was to do the work that needed to be done this year, with Minnesota money. Not to attempt to bring the state to self-support; that would need to be by action of the state itself, and it seemed to me very plain that we were not ready for that.

An alternative

Minnesota work with Minnesota money

It did appear however, worth while, in the emergency and in the straitness of the Society's treasury, to show our appreciation of the million that has come into our work through that channel, by an *honest effort to do our own work ourselves this year.*

$12,500 was fixed upon as conservative amount to be sought, and since the first of April, through the summer months, the effort has been quietly and persistently continued. Five hundred shares of Twenty-Five Dollars each have been offered, and from our trusted auxiliary, the Women's Home Missionary Society, without whose assumption of a whole block of a hundred shares the movement could hardly have had any hopeful birth, to a group of churches that had been taking a "collection" of from five to seven dollars but have been quick enough to take a "share," the response has been most hearty.

The Plan

The Response

Not a church visited has made excuses or refused its privilege, but each has done what has been asked of it. On the first day of October 375 shares had been subscribed.

If there were Sundays enough to allow of putting the matter personally before each church there would be no question of the result.

I have appreciated more than I can tell the response and the manner in which Pastors and People have met the special appeal.

We can do it

There are two things wanted to bring the effort to a satisfactory conclusion:

1. Because the Superintendent cannot visit all the churches on this errand, there should be action without him on the part of those who have as yet had no part in the Jubilee Movement. Pastors have this very largely in their hands. The frank state-

ment of this year's situation with the proposal to take the fit number of shares will be responded to.

2. It is very clear that the gifts from the churches as such, with present ideals of giving to Home Missions, may not reasonably be expected to bring to the Treasury the amount needed.

We are wanting, most of all, a list of men and women, whom God has prospered in the prosperity of Minnesota, who will recognize His gifts and express their thankfulness by personal subscriptions of one or more shares.

In view of the situation, I recommend, if the movement of this year prove successful, that the Directors be instructed to make preparations for self-support and the relation of a Constituent State to the Congregational Home Missionary Society, not later than 1910.

This review of the year is submitted with gratitude to God for his good hand upon us, and with hearty appreciation of the cooperation of the Woman's Home Missionary Union, the representatives of the Sunday School and Publishing Society, the Church Building Society, the Churches and their Pastors, and the men and women who are coming to feel and manifest a practical interest in the Missionary Problem that is at our doors.

The Committee on nominations reported:

For Directors,

Rev. Samuel G. Smith.....For 3 years
Hon. George E. Perley.....For 3 years
Pres. W. H. Sallmon.....For 2 years
Rev. Henry Holmes.....For 1 year

For voting members of the Congregational Home Missionary Society

Rev. S. G. Smith .....For 3 years
E. S. Slater .....For 3 years
Hon. W. H. Laird .....For 2 years
Pres. W. H. Sallmon .....For 2 years
Rev. Henry Holmes .....For 2 years
Hon. A. A. Miller .....For 1 year
Hon. L. E. Jepson .....For 1 year.

Report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR UN-OFFICIAL VISITATION OF MISSIONARY FIELDS.

At the meeting of the State Association held in Winona a resolution was passed asking the Board of Directors of the Home Mission Society to secure an un-official visitation of the home fields in the state of Minnesota. Pursuant to that action, the undersigned were appointed a special committee to do this work. The list of seventy churches was divided into three groups, and each member of the Committee undertook to either visit or secure a visit to those places under his charge. His work at the visit included a conference with the church and the pastor in the afternoon, and a public service in the evening, which was often very largely attended. A list of questions had been prepared for use in all the churches in order to secure detailed information. A part of the information secured has been tabulated, and is published below in the first table of statistics which has appeared of the home missionary churches. One of the inquiries was as to the priority of churches, and your committee were surprised to discover that, out of the seventy Congregational churches receiving home missionary aid in Minnesota, sixty-eight were the first churches planted in the community. If there is any "over-churching" in Minnesota, Congregationalists are not responsible.

The Sunday School work seems to be one of the most successful features in almost every field, and fifty-two of the seventy churches sustain regular mid-week meetings in addition to Sunday services.

Your Committee desire to bear testimony to the heroism and faithfulness of the home missionaries upon the fields, and to state that their judgment is that the imperative needs of the field, viewed with the most conservative eyes, call for a very large increase in contributions, the employment of a considerable number of additional missionaries, and a vastly more aggressive spirit in laying the foundations of the future kingdom in this state.

The Committee were aided in their work of visitation by a number of pastors who willingly gave their time to this service.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON VISITATION.

ANOKA CONFERENCE.

NAME OF CHURCH	No. MEMS.	POPULATION	S. S.	AMOUNT REC'D H. M. S.	HOME EXPENSES
Bethany	123		‡ 165en	$120	$1200
Brownton	60	500	* 75av	100	450
Stewart	32	300	40av		425
Gaylord	52	1000	45en	150	400
Mizpah, Hopkins	33		60en	100	
Milaca	42	1600	60av	100	465
Minnehaha	19		105en	88	220
New Brighton	19			70	300
Thirty-Eighth St	91		191en	174	1222

ST. PAUL CONFERENCE.

Name of Church	No. Mem.	Population	S. S.	Amount Rec'd H. M. S.	Home Expenses
North Branch	25	700	60en	75	570
Sunrise	25		40en		155
Stillwater	109	300	65av	150	960
University Ave.	55		85en	180	745

CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

Burtrum	22	300	40av		250
Grey Eagle	5	450	25av	200	225
Swanville	13	350	30av		155
Cable	30	200	50en	150	225
Sauk Rapids	48	600	70av		250
Clarissa	8	600	35av	100	275
Clearwater	68	500	50av		550
Hasty	20	150	60av		250
Paynesville	63	1000	100en	55	600
Round Prairie	76	500	45en	75	250
Starbuck	6		50en		

DULUTH CONFERENCE.

Brainerd 2nd	40	1300	95av	150	800
Biwabik	20	1800	40av	224	650
Backus	10	200	22av	60	10
Hackensack	12	150	20av	60	50
Duluth, Plymouth	22	7000	80av	190	1245
Walker	22	600	70av	200	440

MANKATO CONFERENCE.

Ceylon	44	400	45en	100	650
Granada	57	1000	47av	50	667
Salem, Cambria	67	300	100en	75	835

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

Custer	16	60	10av	100	190
Garvin	60	150	35av		575
Lake Benton	43	900	35av	75	800
Lamberton	37	1200	100en	50	688
Selma	27		47en		3370
Springfield	24	1500	40en	100	858
Walnut Grove	93	600	80en	125	870

SOUTHEASTERN COFFERENCE.

Mazeppa	29	600	72av	100	700
Morristown	40	700	40av		400
Waterville	32	2000	40av	90	340
Winona, 2nd	70	4500	115av	225	777
Zumbro Falls	20	200	50en	25	310

MINNESOTA VALLEY CONFERENCE.

Belview	30		‡ 40en	120	644
Seaforth	19				
Chokio	19	450	* 65av	122	888
Cranite Falls	26	1200	60av	200	1000
Sacred Heart	6	600			
Marietta	54	350	50av	225	450
Nassau	23	200	35av		235

NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFEREFCE.

Akeley	56	3000	10 av	225	450
Audubon					
Felton	49	300	38av	150	175
Lake Park	13	300	50av		520
Ulen	8	300	38av		250
Bagley	35	600	125en	185	738
Cass Lake	27	1500	43en	200	510
Fertile	15	1500	45av	150	475
Fosston	10	1000	25av	150	666

‡ Enrolled * Average

NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE—Continued.

Name of Church	No. Mem.	Population	S. S.	Amount Rec'd H. M. S.	Home Expenses
Eskine	0	200	20av		165
Fontenac	16		40av		21
Nymore	10	500	30en	200	42
Shevlin	10	400	20en		50
Solway	10	100			100
McIntosh	11	850	50en	183	287
Mentor	8	300	25av		75
New York Mills	13	500	30av	112	150
Aldrich	9				
Park Rapids	1800				
Turtle River					
Twin Valley	2	800	30en		100
Maple Bay	8				
International Falls	7	800	20av	300	300

‡ Enrolled * Average

Very truly yours,

SAMUEL G. SMITH,
WM. H. SALLMON,
F. A. SUMNER,
Committee.

Society adjourned.

SAMUEL G. SMITH, Pres.
WILLIAM J. BROWN, Scribe.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

MINNESOTA WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

PRESIDENT.

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Mrs. G. E. Albrecht, 967 14th Ave. S. E., Minneapolis.
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Mrs. S. V. S. Fisher, 2131 E. Lake St., Minneapolis.

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Mrs. C. H. Wingate, 1212 N. Aldrich Ave., Minneapolis.

TREASURER.

Mrs. W. M. Bristoll, 815 E. 18th St., Minneapolis.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES.

Young People's Work.—Mrs. A. W. Monosmith, Appleton.

Children's Work and Programs and Bureau of Exchange.—Mrs. Rose B. Dunlap, State Capitol, St. Paul.

The thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Union was held in the Y. W. C. A. building, Minneapolis, Minn., at 9:30 A. M. Wednesday, Oct 3rd, 1906. The President, Miss C. W. Nichols, St. Paul, conducted the opening exercises.

Mrs. C. H. Wingate was appointed Recording Secretary pro tem.

The reports of officers were read: Corresponding Sec., Mrs. S. V. S. Fisher; Sec. Programs and Bureau of Exchange, Mrs. Rose B. Dunlap, St. Paul; Treasurer, Mrs. W. M. Bristoll; Auditor, Mrs. D. P. Jones, Minneapolis; read by Mrs. Upham, St. Paul.

These reports were accepted as read and ordered placed on file.

The report of the Committee on Nomination was accepted, and the Recording Secretary authorized to cast the ballot for the officers named.

The ballot was so cast:

It was unanimously voted to amend the Articles of Incorporation.

It was with great pleasure the treasurer read her report, as Our Aim,—$5,000—was more than reached this year. A paper was then read by Mrs. L. E. Jepson, Minneapolis, "Loyalty to the Minnesota Union." She showed the necessity for the local society to appropriate their money to the objects supported by the State Union.

An address by Miss Maud Stanwood, our teacher at Moorhead, Mississippi, was full of hopefulness for the future of the negro race.

It is no longer "Can we educate the negro?" The negro will never rise above his environment, so we must improve the conditions among the whites. Slavery left its stamp on the whites, as well as the blacks.

Miss Stanwood also thanked the ladies for the dormitory furnishings.

The Devotional Service was led by Mrs. Hallock, of Plymouth Church. She presented two thoughts, first, that of joy, over the successfulness of our year's work: second, that of hope, looking forward to our future work. The meeting then closed with prayer, by Mrs. Hallock.

Thursday, Oct. 4.—

At 3 p. m. the Union met with the State Cong. Association, at Plymouth Church. The time was given to addresses from:

Mrs. Ida Vose Woodbury, New York City, Miss Maud Stanwood, Moorhead, Miss.

MRS. C. H. WINGATE
Rec. Sec.

MINNESOTA BRANCH

OF THE

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Children's Work—Mrs. Willard W. Morse, 119 Bedford St. S. E., Minneapolis.
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Central—Mrs. J. L. Norris, Sauk Centre.
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Mankato—Mrs. W. J. Richardson, Fairmont.
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Northern Pacific—Mrs. L. A. Huntoon, Moorhead.
South Eastern—Mrs. Stephen Cook, 610 Lansing Ave., Austin.
Western—Mrs. B. L. Webber, Marshall.

REPORT OF BRANCH HOUR.

The regular Hour before the Association came Thursday afternoon, October fourth. Miss Evans, president of the Branch, presided.

Mrs. Dean, of Northfield, formerly of India, read the message from the Scripture and offered prayer.

Miss Evans then introduced Mrs. D. P. Noyes, of St. Paul, who has recently visited some of the Mission stations abroad. She gave a most interesting account of her visit to the Marathi Mission in India, telling us particularly of our work under Miss Abbott, Miss Millard and Mr. and Mrs. Dean.

Dr. Strong, of Northfield, pronounced the benediction.

PLAN OF WORK 1906-1907.

JAPAN:—

Miss M. J. Barrows, Salary	$625.00	
Miss M. J. Barrows, Teacher	60.00	
Miss M. J. Barrows, house funds, taxes	89.00	
Miscellaneous	445.00	
		$1,219.00

CHINA:—

Foo Chow, Miss Emily J. Hartwell, Salary	$ 500.00	
Miss Emily J. Hartwell, Teacher	40.00	
Miss Emily J. Hartwell, Tours	25.00	
Bible Women, Schools, Expenses, etc.	1,060.00	
		$1,625.00

TURKEY:—

Hadjin, Miss Olive M. Vaughn, Salary	$418.00	
Miss Olive M. Vaugn, House Fund	11.00	
Miss Olive M. Vaugn, Tours	25.00	
Five Teachers and Bible Women	196.94	
		$650.94

INDIA:—

Ahmednagar, Miss Mary E. Moulton, Salary	$600.00	
Bible Women, Teachers, Miscellaneous	421.33	
		$1,021.33

MEXICO:—

Guadalajara, Teacher at San Miguel	50.00
Bridge, Young Ladies' Societies	200.00
General Fund, including $200 for rebuilding at Ponape	1,233.73
	$6,000.00

Please forward all money quarterly to the TREASURER, MRS. EDWIN R. WILLIAMS, 415 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis.

THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN NORTHFIELD, APRIL, 1907.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

YEAR		PLACE.	MODERATOR.	PREACHER AND TEXT.
1	56	St. Anthony	Rev. Sherman Hall	Rev. W. R. Stevens; John 1: 4.
2	57	Prescott, Wis.	Rev. L. Armsby	Rev. C. B. Sheldon; II Cor. 4: 7.
3	58	Faribault	Rev. D. Andrews	Rev. Richard Hall; Rev. 11: 15.
4	59	Winona	Rev. C. Secombe	Rev. L. Armsby; Rev. 3: 8.
5	60	St. Paul	Rev. D. Burt	Rev. D. Andrew; Isa. 55: 10, 11.
6	61	Anoka	Rev. O. Thomas	Rev. A. S. Fisk; Phil. 4: 6.
7	62	Northfield	Rev. Chas. Shedd	Rev. Chas. Shedd; II Thes. 2: 18.
8	63	Lake City	Rev. W. R. Stevens	Rev. J. W. Millen; John 17; 20, 21.
9	64	Rochester	Bro. C. M. Goodsell	Rev. C. Seccombe; Prov. 14: 10.
10	65	Minneapolis	Bro. R. G. Lincoln	Rev. D. Burt; Eph. 2: 1.
11	66	Faribault	Bro. W. G. Copp	Rev. A. B. Smith; Matt. 33: 8.
12	67	St. Cloud	Pres. J. W. Strong, D. D.	Rev. E. J. Hart; Luke 19: 11, 27.
13	68	Austin	Bro. S. W. Furber	Rev. A. Fuller; Job. 40: 3; 42: 5, 27.
14	69	Owatonna	Bro. J. L. Noyes	Rev. E. Gale; John 4; 22, 12.
15	70	Northfield	Bro. R. J. Baldwin	Rev. W. B. Dana; Mark 4: 28.
16	71	St. Anthony	Pres. J. W. Strong, D. D.	Rev. C. C. Salter, D. D.; Isa. 40: 3.
17	72	Lake City	Rev. S. H. Barteau	Rev. E. M. Williams, D. D.; Rom. 1: 16.
18	73	St. Paul	Bro. H. W. Page	Rev. H. M. Tenney, D. D.; Phil. 2: 15.
19	74	Winona	Rev. H. A. Stimson, D. D.	Rev. C. M. Terry; I Cor. 6: 9, 17.
20	75	Minneapolis	Rev. L. H. Cobb, D. D.	Rev. J. W. Ray; Rom. 1: 16.
21	76	Austin	Rev. E. M. Williams, D. D.	Rev. George A. Wood; Eph. 3: 8.
22	77	Faribault	Rev. David Burt	Rev. C. W. Merrill; II Tim. 4: 2.
23	78	Mankato	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D. D.	Rev. J. H. Morley; Matt. 16: 19, 16.
24	79	Minneapolis	Hon. A. H. Young	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D. D.; Heb. 11: 1.
25	80	Northfield	Rev. L. W. Chaney	Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, D. D.; Matt. 23: 8, 10.
26	81	Rochester	Rev. Geo. A. Hood	Rev. C. E. Wright, D. D.; Matt. 11: 4.
27	82	St. Paul	Bro. H. W. Page	Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D.; Matt. 16: 14, 15.
28	83	Lake City	Rev. J.W. Bradshaw, D.D.	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D.; Isa. 50: 4.
29	84	St. Cloud	Rev. M. W. Montgomery	Prof. A. H. Pearson; Phil. 1: 21.
30	85	Winona	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D.	Rev. H. C. Hovey, D. D., Jer. 32: 8.
31	86	Minneapolis	Rev. C. W. Merrill	Rev. John H. Crum, D. D.; I Tim. 1: 19.
32	87	Fergus Falls	Prof. Geo. Huntington	Rev. M. W. Montgomery; Isa. 21:6; I Cor. 2:2.
33	88	Owatonna	Rev. C. E. Wright, D. D.	Rev. J. W. Hargrave; II Tim. 2: 15.
34	89	St. Paul	Rev. S. V. S. Fisher	Rev. I. L. Cory; Luke 12:33.
35	90	Northfield	Rev. G. R. Merrill, D. D.	Rev. E. M. Noyes; Matt. 5: 13.
36	91	Duluth	Rev. H. W. Gleason	Rev. A. H. Heath, D. D.; Rom. 1: 15.
37	92	Minneapolis	Rev. J. F. Taintor	Rev. J. A. Chamberlain; John 14: 12.
38	93	St. Paul	Rev. Smith Baker, D. D.	Rev. L. L. West, D. D.; Mark 13: 37.
39	94	Austin	Bro. C. W. Hackett	Rev. J. E. McConnell; I Chron. 12: 32.
40	95	Alexandria	Hon. D. C. Bell	Rev. S. G. Smith, D. D.; Matt. 6: 11.
41	96	Faribault	Rev. G. E. Soper	Rev. T. Merrill Edmands; Phil. 1: 9.
42	97	Montevideo	Dean Horace Goodhue	Rev. John A. Stemen; Luke 24: 36.
43	98	Owatonna	Rev. R. S. Cross	Rev. J. W. Todd; Rom. 8: 19.
44	99	Rochester	Hon. Lyndon A. Smith	Rev. S. J. Rogers; I Cor. 10: 21.
45	00	Northfield	Rev. L. L. West, D. D.	Rev. J. F. Taintor; Rev. 19: 10.
46	01	Minneapolis	Hon. D. P. Jones	Rev. Wm. H. Medlar; Isa. 49:9, and Num. 23:28
47	02	Fergus Falls	Rev. Alexander Milne	Rev. Herman P. Fisher, Acts 13: 2.
48	03	St. Paul	Rev. S. G. Smith, D. D.	Rev. Henry Holmes; Luke 24:40.
49	04	Duluth	Hon. A. A. Miller	Rev. L. H. Hallock, D. D.: 2 Cor. 4:18.
50	05	Winona	Rev. F. H. Ochler	Rev. Geo. S. Rollins, Acts I.: 14.
51	06	Minneapolis	Dean W. S. Pattee	Pres. Jas. W. Strong, LLD., Luke 12: 15

RECORDING SECRETARIES.

Rev. C. B. Sheldon ..... 1859—1861.
Rev. A. K. Packard ..... 1862—1864.
Rev. J. F. Dudley ..... 1866—1867.
Rev. L. S. Griggs ..... 1868—1869.
Rev. H. A. Stimson, D. D. ..... 1870—1872.
Rev. H. Bumsted ..... 1873—1874
Rev. C. A. Hampton ..... 1875—1876
Bro. Wm. Cheney ..... 1877—1878
Rev. Geo. A. Hood ..... 1879—1881
Rev. W. A. James ..... 1882—1883

CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

Rev. C. Seccombe ..... 1856—1858.
Rev. D. Burt ..... 1859—1867.
Rev. A. Fuller ..... 1867—1870.
Rev. C. C. Salter, D. D. ..... 1871—1872
Rev. N. C. Chapin ..... 1873—1877
Rev. L. W. Chaney ..... 1878—1883

STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

Rev. C. Seccombe ..... 1858—1870.
Rev. R. Hall ..... 1871—1875.
Rev. J. B. Fairbank ..... 1882—1889.
Bro. W. Cheney ..... 1876—1878
Rev. Geo. A. Hood ..... 1879—1881

Secretary: Rev. S. W. Dickinson ..... 1889—1901.
" Rev. Samuel J. Rogers ..... 1901.

THE CONFERENCES.

1. ANOKA CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Linden Hills Church, Minneapolis, May 7th, 1907.

REGISTRAR: Rev. Samuel J. Rogers, Minneapolis.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. F. A. Sumner, J. M. Anderson, H. P. Roberts.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMB.	MINISTERS	CLERKS
Anoka	151	Edwin Ewell	Edward L. Curial.
Brownton	58	James Earl	Dea. John P. West.
Cottage Grove	70	C. H. B. Seliger	John P. Furber.
Elk River	178	Alexander E. Cutler	Mrs. A. W. T. Nickerson
Excelsior	154	Carl J. Swain	Miss Ella M. Stratton.
Fair Oaks	14		Mrs. F. A. Blanchard.
Gaylord	52	O. W. Roberts.	Miss Lydia A. Strebel.
Glencoe	133	Fred L. V. Meske	L. W. Gilbert.
Groveland, Minnetonka	12	Carl J. Swain	Mrs. Ida C. Waters.
Hutchinson	198	Albert R. Brown	Henry D. Boorman.
Minneapolis First	552	Clement G. Clarke	Albert B. White.
" Plymouth	916	Leavitt H. Hallock	
		Harold Hunting, Asst. Pastor	Edward A. Strong.
" Park Avenue	587	George S. Rollins	William M. Bristoll.
" Pilgrim	552	Frederick A. Sumner	E. C. Scarborough.
" Vine	142		Dea. J. R. Williams.
" Como Avenue	117	Hobart K. Painter	George M. Furber.
" Union, St. Louis P'k	60	Rowland S. Cross	Mrs. Joseph Hamilton.
" Open Door	131	Walter G. Carlson	Mrs. James A. Donaldson.
" Lyndale	520	Charles E. Burton	Dea. Francis L. Frary.
" Fremont Ave	256	Charles A. Hilton	J. A. Stretch.
" Fifth Ave	306		Dea. A. M. Burch.
" Mizpah, Hopkins	33		Mrs. Esther Gould.
" Bethany	123	David A. Richardson	Mrs. B. A. Eaton.
" Robbinsdale	97	Donald G. Colp	William H. Grenell.
" Lowry Hill	304	Henry Holmes	Daniel C. King.
" First Scandinavian	36		Dea. Olaf Strand.
" Oak Park	126	Luther C. Talmage	Mrs. A. H. Cheese.
" Forest Heights	154	Stanley M. Humby	H. P. Hamilton.
" Temple, Swedish	254	Alfred P. Engstrum	Alex Lofgren.
" Thirty-Eighth St	91		Benjamin F. Coffin.
" Edina	23	Rowland S. Cross	Miss E. G. Docken (a)
" Linden Hills	183	P. C. Cool	Noble N. Alvord.
" Minnehaha	19	Supplied	C. B. Benedict.
Milaca	39	David P. Olin	E. L. Kingsbury.
New Brighton	19	Walter G. Carlson	Mrs. Frank S. Gregson.
Princeton	76	John R. Henderson	E. McMillan.
Sandstone	16	Emil A. Anderson	August Walden.
Silver Lake	94	Vaclav Prucha	Frank Totusek.
Spencer Brook, Oxlip	56	Carl F. Olsson	Andrew Dunder.
Stewart	32	James Earle	P. H. Kraeme.
Wayzata	65	William A. Black	J. M. Davies.

(a) Station F. Minneapolis, R. F. D.-2

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:--Eben M. Betts, Carl B. Bjuge, Alden H. Clark, Charles B. Fellows, Samuel V. S. Fisher, Americus Fuller, Richard Hall, Robert P. Herrick, Daniel H. Magnus, Maurice P. Morris, George R. Merrill, Andrew P. Nelson, Jarius L. Nott, William Oehler, John F. Okerstein, Henry W. Parsons, Henry A. Risser, Alvah D. Roe, Samuel J. Rogers, Ernest W. Shurtleff, Walter A. Snow, Arthur H. Tebbets, W. A. Vrooman, W. A. Wilkinson, Daniel E. Wilson, Henry K. Wingate, Geo. H. Lohr, James W. Danford, John S. Rood.

II. CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Sauk Center, June 18, 1907.

REGISTRAR: George L. Treat, Alexandria.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. F. H. Oehler, Rev. William Fletcher and George L. Treat.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS	MINISTERS	CLERKS
Alexandria	198	William J. Paske	George L. Treat.
Big Lake (Union)	81	William Fletcher	Albert J. Johnson.
Burtrum	20	A. G. Washington	Miss Ida R. Burch.
Cable, St. Cloud, (R. F. D.-1	28	W. N. Payne	Mrs. H. Putnam.
Clarissa	8	Theodore W. Gulick	Mrs. M. A. Thayer.
Clearwater	54	H. C. Payne, (Lic.)	Miss Grace Whiting.
Glenwood	96	George Porter	Fred Calmeyer.
Grey Eagle	21	Supplied	Mrs. C. McClintick.
Hasty, Clearwater	30	H. C. Payne	Mrs. Sarah Sheldon.
Little Falls	203	C. A. Billig	Mrs. O. C. Trace.
Monticello	98	W. M. Ward	E. A. Williams.
Orrock (Union)	4		Miss Grace Craig.
Paynesville, New Paynesville	102	James Earl	Mrs. Chas. L. Cushing.
Pillsbury	11		E. D. Smith.
Round Prairie	76	J. Frank Locke	Miss Ella Pentz.
St. Cloud, (Swedish)	67	Ernst V. Borklund	John Erickson.
Sauk Center	160	F. H. Oehler	James A. Norris.
Sauk Rapids	43	W. N. Payne	Mrs. James Coates.
Starbuck	19		Mrs. C. R. Christenson
Swanville	8	A. G. Washington	Mrs. Belle Flood.
Upsala (Swedish)	103	M. K. Wikholm	Gust Nelson
Villard	28	Walter V. Finch, (Pres.)	L. F. McKenzie.
Wendel Brook, (Scandinavian)	27	Nels J. Bolin	C. A. Berglund.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:—David Donovan, George F. Morton, William H. Owens, Edward N. Ruddock, John Rood, Charles M. Stevens.

III. DULUTH CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Aitken, May 28, 1907.

REGISTRAR: Rev. Alexander Milne, Duluth.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. Alexander Milne, Rev. George Michael, Rev. H. W. Johnson.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS	MINISTERS	CLERKS
Aitkin	48	James L. Jones	Miss Della Jones.
Biwabik	20		Dr. Chas. W. Bray.
Brainerd, First	88	E. A. Allin	Christian Bruhn.
" Peoples	39	John E. Berry, (Lic.)	Mrs. J. B. Lawrence.
Duluth, Pilgrim	410	Alexander Milne	Fred Leroy.
" West Plymouth	58	Harry W Johnson	R. M. Weaver.
Hill City		Supplied	F. L. Abrahamson.
Walker	22	George Michael	Rev. Geo. Michael.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:—Jeremiah Kimball, E. A. Mirick, H. H. Stutson.

IV. MANKATO CONFERENCE.

MEETINGS: Tuesday nearest full moon in May and November.

SECRETARY: Rev. William Hubbard, Sherburn.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Rev. Edgar L. Heermance, Mankato; Dr. Lasby, Fairmont; Rev. William B. Hubbard, Sherburn: Dr. Geo. O. Moore, Worthington; Rev. A. D. Adams, Waseca.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Belgrade, Mankato	63	Geo. E. Brown	Mrs. Frank Jefferson.
Center Chain (a)	22		J. V. Livingston.
Ceylon	44	Richard Watt	Mrs. A. G. Hallenbeck.
Edgerton	70	A. S. Willoughby	Mrs. L. A. Gulick.
Ellsworth	27	Edward Wilson	Mrs. Lulu Barnes.
Elmore	52		W. O. Dustin.
Fairmont	223	Thomas A. Dungan	Mrs. A. H. Smith.
Freeborn	66	Wilbur Fisk	Mrs. Abby Olson.
Freedom, Cream	19	C. L. Hill, (Lic.)	Samuel O. Garlick.
Granada	63		Edwin Babcock.
Kasota (Swedish)	36	Carl G. Anderson, Sw.Mis.	F. A. Sandberg.
Mankato, First	148	Edgar L. Heermance.	Mrs. Thomas Hughes.
" Second	63	Carl G. Anderson, Sw.Mis.	Claus Swenson.
Mapleton	67	F. L. H. Von Lubken	Louis W. Kruegar.
New Richland	40		J. Frank Hunt.
Salem, Cambria	67	Thomas L. Griffith	Henry J. Hughes.
Sherburn	78	W. B. Hubbard	Geo. A. Sutherland.
Waseca	136	Allison D. Adams	Mrs. F. W. Roth.
Worthington	114	John E. Evans	Dr. Geo. O. Moore.

(a) Fairmount R F. D.-3

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:—Allison D. Adams, George E. Brown, Elijah Carter, Otis D. Crawford, Wilbur Fisk, Edgar L. Heermance, William B. Hubbard, Richard Watt, Albert S. Willoughby.

V. MINNESOTA VALLEY CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Benson, May 28, 1907.

REGISTRAR: D. T. Wheaton, Morris.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. Wm. J. Brown, Rev. S. Heath and Rev. N. E. Hannant.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CLERKS
Appleton	70	Albert W. Monosmith	Mrs. Bernard Johnson.
Belview	36		Mrs. Amy Peterson.
Benson	92	S. Heath	Mrs. W. A. Foland.
Campbell	85	Geo. P. Keeling	Mrs. Carrie Meachler.
Chokio	19		R. A. Johnson.
Correll	15	Albert W. Monosmith	Mrs. E. J. White.
Dawson	163	G. H. Chant	Joseph C. Dale.
Graceville	43		Mrs. C. L. Pierce.
Granite Falls	49		Miss Carrie D. Barnes.
Hancock	97	John L. Hanna	Mrs. Frank Angier.
Madison	111	S. S. Seibert	Dr. J. W. Smith.
Marietta	57		Mrs. A. C. Miller.
Montevideo	152	Wm. J. Brown	Andrew M. Parks.

MINNESOTA VALLEY CONFERENCE—CONTINUED.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Morris	100		D. T. Wheaton.
Nassau	112		A. B. Smith.
Ortonville	38	Norrison E. Hannant.	Samuel Chapman.
Seaforth			D. H. Patchin.
Tintah	61	Geo. P. Keeling	Mrs. Winnie E. Putnam.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:—D. Otis Bean, Clement M. G. Harwood, Eli C. Lyons, Fred L. V. Meske, Otis A. Starr, R. A. Cunningham.

VI. NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Bagley, June 20, 1907.

REGISTRAR: C. R. Andrews, Ada.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: A. A. Miller, Crookston, George E. Perley, Moorhead, Rev. E. L. Brooks, Fergus Falls.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CLERKS
Ada	66	Henry Symons	Fred L. Hampson.
Akeley	56	L. D. Arnold	Rev. L. D. Arnold.
Aldrich	9	E. E. Lindsley, Wadena.	Miss Hattie Ham.
Audubon	14		Mrs. L. S. Cavath.
Bertha	20	Supplied	L. P. Leech.
Bagley	24	Albert C. Woodcock	Benj. B. Brown.
Barnesville	82	John T. Killen	W. A. Lindquist.
Cass Lake	27		L. M. Lange.
Crookston	84		William L. Vannet.
Detroit	73	William F. Trussell	Miss Bessie L. Furber.
Felton	9	Supplied	Mrs. F. VanValkenburg.
Fergus Falls	111	Edward L. Brooks	Jay C. Smith.
Fertile	19	John Peters	Augustave J. Demares.
Fosston	42	C. F. Bloomquist	Prof. C. S. Yaegar.
Glyndon	51	E. P. Crane	H. L. Webb.
Hawley	76	Geo. H. Davies	Dea. Adna Colburn.
Kragness	28		Gustav K. Gunderson.
Lake Park	31		Miss Ellen Smith.
Maple Bay	7	John Peters	Mrs. L. A. Hunter.
McIntosh	11	H. R. Harris	Mrs. N. Yetterberg.
Mentor	5	Emma E. Harris, (Lic.)	Mrs. Martha Sendiker.
Moorhead	112	George A. Traut	Mrs. Fred Stalley.
New York Mills	13	E. E. Lindsley	Mrs. Jessie Miller.
Park Rapids	75		Miss Cora B. Witter.
Pelican Rapids	66	H. J. Taylor	Mrs. H. Palmer.
Perham			
Shevlin	10	Avery G. Parks	Mrs. F. H. Jackson.
Staples	77	C. A. Vincent.	Mrs. T. J. Sharkey.
Turtle River	6	Supplied	Cassius M. Booth.
Verndale	14		Miss Clara McMillan.
Wadena	138	William Bockoven	John Liddell.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:—Richard H. Battey, Herman P. Fisher, William J. Conard, Lewis C. Frost, John L. Martin, David W. Morgan, H. O Hammond, Oscar M. Smith.

VII. ST. PAUL CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Wabasha, May 21, 1907.

REGISTRAR: Rev. Cornelius Richert, St. Paul.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Rev. W. J. Gray, Rev. E. B. Dean, D. T. Wellington.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS	MINISTERS	CLERKS
Cannon Falls	168	Josiah L. Keene	Mrs. Mary C. Clifford.
Cannon Falls, (Swedish)	30	N. J. Lindquist	Gust Wolander.
Cottage Grove	70	C. H. B. Seliger	John P. Furber.
Faribault	430	John H. Albert	Prof. J. J. Dow.
Lake City, First	209	Willis A. Warren	Mrs. C. E. Dutcher.
" " Second	57	Samuel Peterson	E. S. Anderson.
Lakeland	22	Supplied	Miss Anna Rockstroh.
Marine Mills	12		Mrs. Edna Bolin.
North Branch	20	O. A. Barnes	C. H. Westerman.
Northfield	582	Edwin B. Dean	Miss Agnes E. Page.
St. Paul, Plymouth	256	Clement C. Campbell	Warren Upham.
" Pacific	252	Alfred A. Secord	John M. Boxell.
" Atlantic	124	Matt Evans	H. F. Abels.
" Park	380	Alexander McGregor	Howard L. Collins.
" St. Anthony Park	219	Edwin S. Pressey	Henry L. Hunter.
" Bethany	142	M. B. Morris	E. J. Souther.
" Olivet, Merriam Park	122	William J. Gray	J. C. Felthouse.
" South Park	72	Clement C. Campbell	Miss Emma Beards.
" Peoples	570	Samuel G. Smith	Leonard A. Straight.
" University Ave	55		Miss Stella C. Winge.
" Hazel Park	4		
" St. Paul Cong'l	78	Cornelius Richert	Adolph Koerner.
" Cyril Cong'l		Charles J. Trcha	
Stillwater	109		Miss Edna Parsons.
Wabasha	148	William B. Pinkerton	Dr. C. H. Robinson.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:—Samuel W. Dickinson, John W. Dickson, David T. Jenkins, Alexander D. Smith.

VIII. SOUTH EASTERN CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Austin, May 21st, 1907.

REGISTRAR: Rev. Jesse Buswell, Mantorville.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Rev. F. E. Knoph, Rev. P. E. Thomas, Rev. Everett Lesher, Messrs. L. Sherman, C. Knapp, Everett Jones and the Moderator ex officio.

CHURCHES	NO MEMS	MINISTERS	CLERKS
Austin	366	Frank E. Knoph	E. H. Stirling.
Claremont Street (a)	21	J. R. Jeffery, (Meth.)	Mrs. J. A. Dodge.
Dexter	31	Eli C. Lyons	Mrs. Jennie Shurman.
Dodge Center	106		Miss Mayme Clark.
Grand Meadow	41	Eli C. Lyons	John De Young.
Lyle	75	Charles A. Ruddock	Louis A. Sherman.
Mantorville	162	Jesse Buswell	Mrs. Jas. McLaughlin.
Mazeppa	30	Charles H. Moxie	Mrs. J. W. Kingsley.
Medford	84	Paul Winter	Daniel A. McKinley.
Morristown	57	James D. Mason	Mrs. E. L. Peterson.

(a) Dodge Center, R. F. D.-3.

SOUTH EASTERN CONFERENCE—Cont.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Owatonna	283	Everett Lesher	J. A. Sawyer.
Plainview	120	William E. Griffith	John W. Burnham.
Rochester	191	Charles H. Curtis	Henry Jessup.
Rose Creek	18	Jas. B. Thompson	F. G. Ray.
Spring Valley	243	Ernest E. Day	Dea. W. L. Kellogg.
St. Charles	74	Owen L. McCleery	Albert F. Kuebler.
Stewartville	108	John E. Henderson	Miss Midge Tuttle.
Taopi	13	Jas. B. Thompson	Wilbur F. Davis.
Waterville	30	Jas. D. Mason	Mrs. R. C. St. Germain.
Winona, First	365	Percy E. Thomas	Geo. Baumgartner.
" Second	60	Brandon Greenaway	Mrs. Duncanson.
" Scand	35	Severt M. Andrewson	Morten L. Moe.
Zumbro Falls	32	Charles H. Moxie	Dea. Pratt Drinkwater.
Zumbrota	109	Henry C. Todd	Miss Nettie Barrett.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:—E. A. Anderson, Geo. Huntington, John C. Huntington, William M. Jenkins, E. Winthrop Jenney, Arthur H. Pearson, James W. Strong, S. B. Wilson, Cassius E. Wright, William H. Sallmon, Frank R. Snowden, E. W. Lyman, James Oakey, Horace S. Wiley, Geo. A. Swertfager.

IX. WESTERN CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Winthrop, June 11th, 1907.

REGISTRAR: John H. Hjetland, Winthrop.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. M. S. Hartwell, Rev. S. T. Beatty.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Cornish	16	John H. Hjetland	C. W. Anderson, Gibbon
Custer Garvin	14		R. Price.
Garvin	45		W. W. Jones.
Lake Benton	48		Amos Porter.
Lake Stay Arco	31		Mrs. James Adolphson.
Lamberton	27		A. A. McLellan.
Marshall	197	M. S. Hartwell	Fred S. Cook.
New Ulm	72	Edward F. Wheeler	Herman Held.
Selma, Comfrey	27	Rufus Upton	F. W. Dewey.
Sleepy Eye	213	John S. Rood	W. A. Anderson.
Springfield	24	Rufus Upton	Mrs. M. P. Rowe.
Tyler	31	Squire T. Beatty	E. M. Erickson.
Walnut Grove	93	Francis Wrigley	Fred W. Schauer.
Winthrop	48	John H. Hjetland	Mrs. A. A. A. Huebner.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:—George J. Battey, Enoch E. Rogers, J. W. Vallentyne, Paul G. Viehe, Albert Warren, B. L. Webber.

UNASSOCIATED CHURCHES.

CHURCHES	MINISTERS	CHURCH CLERKS
Comfrey	Rufus P. Upton	
Culdrum, Flensburg	C. R. A. Blomberg	J. A. Rylander.
Elmdale, Holdingsford	Paul Jamarik	John Soltis.
Fontenac	Avery G. Parks	Frank M. Faber.
Franconia		
International Falls	W. R. McClane	C. B. Montgomery.
Lake Itasca		
Nymore	Avery G. Parks	Mrs. Martin.
Sacred Heart		Miss Lena Winge.
Swanville, Swedish	Anton Olson.	Christ Molde.
Twin Valley	Supplied	James Sworder.
Ulen	Supplied	Mr. Lewis Lofgren.

ORDINATIONS, INSTALLATIONS AND RECOGNITION.

ALBERT R. BROWN, ordained at Hutchinson, May , 1906.

W. M. EVANS, ordainec at Monticello, June 20, 1906.

REV. CHARLES H. CURTIS, installed at Rochester, May 15, 1906.

REV. P. A. COOL, installed at Linden Hills, Minneapolis, June 29, 1906.

REV. LUTHER C. TALMAGE, recognition, March 20, 1906, Oak Park, Minneapolis.

NECROLOGY.

REV. GEORGE E. ALBRECHT, D. D.

The late Dr. Albrecht was born in Prussia in 1855, the son of a military officer, and after being educated at Breslau, Germany, became Lieutenant in the German army. He soon wearied of a life of inaction and with his father's consent left the military service and came to America. While in business at Springfield, Ohio, he was converted and at once decided to take a Theological course, which he did, at Oberlin, graduating in 1882.

His first work was among the German population at Davenport, Iowa,—then as Sup't of German work in the West with headquarters at Omaha Neb., and in 1886 he was made Prof. of the German dep't. in Chicago Theol. Seminary.

In April, 1887, he went as missionary of the Am. Board, to Northern Japan, and in 1889 was called to the Doshisha and soon became Dean of the Theol. dep't. to which he gave many years of strenuous, consecrated service,—perhaps the best of his life,—until his nervous break-down which compelled his return to the U. S. in 1904. After a few months of rest, he regained something of his usual vigor and came to Minneapolis as pastor of Thirty-eight St. Cong. Church in Dec., where he did very efficient self-denying work until his death, Oct. 24, 1906. He was highly appreciated by his brethren for his scholarly ability, his spiritual attainments and his lovable, manly traits as a devoted brother in the ministry of the Gospel. He leaves a widow and three children, the eldest of whom is a daughter in the University of Minnesota.

REV. ESTHER SMITH.

In St. Paul, Minn., July 12, Esther Smith, aged 45, widow of the late Rev. J. H. B. Smith, pastor of the Bethany Congregational Church.

In July of this year Mrs. Smith was operated upon for cancer in the Cobb Hospital, in St. Paul, and after a month of great weakness and pain she passed away to meet her husband.

Together they worked in the Master's vineyard, at first in the foreign field in South Africa, and then in Kansas, then in Duluth, Minn., and finally in St. Paul. Mrs. Smith was herself a preacher and her sermons were always spiritual and helpful.

MINISTERIAL RECORD.

Adams, Allison D.....Waseca.
Albert, John H.....Faribault.
Allin, E. A.....Brainerd.
* Anderson, Carl G.....Mankato.
Anderson, Emil A.....Sandstone.
Andrewson, Severt M.....Winona.
Arnold, L. D.....Akeley.

Barnes, O. A.....North Branch.
Barnes, Albert E.....
Battey, George J.....Chadron, Neb.
Battey, Richard H.....Minneapolis.
Bean, D. Otis.....St. Cloud.
Beard, Henry B.....Minneapolis.
Beatty, S. T.....Tyler.
Berry, John E.....Brainerd.
Betts, Eben M.....New York, N. Y.
Billig, C. A.....Little Falls.
* Bjorklund, Ernst V.....St. Cloud.
Bjuge, Carl B.....Chicago.
* Black, W. A.....Wayzata.
Bockhoven, William A.....Wadena.
Bolin, Nels J.....Foreston.
Brooks, Edward L.....Fergus Falls.
Brown, George E.....Mankato.
Brown, William J.....Montevideo.
Brown, Albert R.....Hutchinson.
Burton, Charles E.....Minneapolis.
Buswell, Jesse.....Mantorville.

Campbell, Clement C.....St. Paul.
Carlson, W. G.....Minneapolis.
Carter, Elijah.....Edgerton.
* Chant, G. H.....Dawson.
Clark, Alden H.....Vadala, Ind.
Clarke, Clement G.....Minneapolis.
* Colp, Daniel G.....Robbinsdale.

Conard, William J.....Park Rapids.
Cram, Delbert W.....Bettles, Alaska.
Crawford, Otis D.....Granada.
Crane, E. P.....Glyndon.
Cross, Roland S.....St. Louis Park.
Cunningham, R. A.....Nassau.
Curtis, Charles H.....Rochester.

Danford, James W .....Minneapolis.
Darling, Marion.....Chicago, Ills.
Davies, George H .....Hawley.
Dascomb, Arthur S.....Ada, I. T.
* Day, Ernest E.....Spring Valley.
Dean, Edwin B.....Northfield.
Dickinson, S. W.....St. Paul.
Dickson, John W.....Superior, Wis.
Donovan, David.....Dundas.
Dungan, Thomas A.....Fairmont.

Earl, James.....Minneapolis.
Engstrom, Alfred P.....Minneapolis.
Evans, Matt.....St. Paul.
Evans John E.....Worthington.
Evans, W. M.....Monticello.
Ewell, Edwin.....Anoka.
Fellows, Charles B.....Minneapolis.
Finch, Walter C., Pres.....Villard.
Fisher, Herman P.....Crookston.
Fisher, Samuel V. S.....Minneapolis.
Fisk, Wilbur.....Freeborn.
Fletcher, William.....Big Lake.
Frost, Lewis C.....Harrison, Mich.
Fuller, Americus.....Saratoga, Cal.

Gray, William J.....Merriam Park.
Griffith, Thomas L.....Cambria.
Griffith, William E.....Plainview.
Gulick, Theodore W.....Clarissa.

Hall, Richard.....St. Paul.
Hammond, H. O.....Minneapolis.
Hanna, J. L.....Hancock.
Hannant, Norrison E.....Ortonville.
Hallock, Leavitt H.....Minneapolis.
Hartwell, M. S.....Marshall.

Harris, H. R.....McIntosh.
Harris, Emma E., Lic.....Mentor.
Harwood, Clement M. S.....Blue Hill, Me.
Heath, S.....Benson.
Heermance, Edgar L.....Mankato.
Henderson, John E.....Stewartville.
Henderson, John R.....Princeton.
Herrick, Robert P.....Minneapolis.
Hilton, Charles A.....Minneapolis.
Hindley, George.....Elk River.
Hjetland, John H.....Winthrop.
Holmes, Henry.....Minneapolis.
* Howard, T. W.....Stratton Station, Ontario.
Hubbard, William B.....Sherburn.
Hulbert, Jay M.....Richardson, Wis.
Hunting, Harold.....Minneapolis.
Huntington, George.....Northfield.
Huntington, John C.....Dallas, Texas.
Humby, Stanley M.....Minneapolis.

* Jamarik, Paul.....Holdingsford.
Jenkins, William M.....Erwin, S. D.
Jenkins, David T.....Minneapolis.
Jenney, E. Winthrop.....Huron, S. D.
Johnson, Harry W.....West Duluth.
Jones, James L.....Aitkin.

Keeling, Geo. P.....Campbell.
Keene, Josiah L.....Cannon Falls.
Kimball, Jeremiah.....Duluth.
Killen, John T.....Barnesville.
Knoph, Frank E.....Austin.
Kuhl, Edward P.....Palestine, Texas, R.F.D-4

Lesher, Everett.....Owatonna.
Lindsley, E. E.....Wadena.
Locke, J. Frank.....Long Prairie.
Lohr, Geo. E.....St. Paul.
Lyons, Eli C.....Minneapolis.
Lyman, E. W.....Bangor, Me.

Magnus, Daniel H.....Minneapolis.
Mason, James D.....Waterville.

Martin, John L.....Moorland, Iowa.
Maxwell, Charles H.....Durban Natal, S. Africa
McGregor, Alexander.....St. Paul.
McCleery, Owen L.....St. Charles
McClane, W. R.....International Falls.
Merrill, George R.....Minneapolis.
Meske, Fred L. V.....Glencoe.
Michael, George.....Walker.
Milne, Alexander.....Duluth.
Mirick, E. A.....Duluth.

Morgan, David W.....Exeter, N. H.
Mote, Henry W.....Chokio.
Morris, Maurice B.....Minneapolis.
Morton, George F.....Itasca Lake.
Moxie, Charles H.....Mazeppa.

Nelson, Andrew P.....Minneapolis.
Nott, Jarius L.....Minneapolis.

Oakey, James.....San Bernardino, Cal.
Oehler, Frederick H.....Sauk Centre.
Oehler, William.....Ortonville.
Okerstein, John F.....Minneapolis.
Olin, David P.....Milaca.
Olson, Anton.....Swanville.
Olsson, C. F.....Oxlip.
Owen, William H.....New Paynesville.

Painter, Hobart K.....Minneapolis.
Parks, Avery G.....Leonard.
Parsons, Henry W.....Minneapolis.
Paske, William J.....Alexandria.
Payne, Wilbur N.....Sauk Rapids.
Payne, H. C., Lic.....Clearwater.
Peters, John.....Fertile.
* Peterson, Karl E.....Sauk Rapids.
* Peterson, Samuel.....Lake City.
Pearson, Arthur H.....Oberlin.
Pinkerton, William B.....Wabasha.
Pressey, Edwin S.....St. Anthony Park.
Porter, George.....Glenwood.
Prucha, Vaclav.....Silver Lake.

Richardson, David A.....Minneapolis.
Richert, Cornelius.....St. Paul.
Roberts, O. W.....Gaylord.
Risser, Henry A.....Winona.
Roe, Alvah D.....Minneapolis.
Rogers, Enoch E.....Excelsior.
Rogers, Samuel J.....Minneapolis.
Rollins, George S.....Minneapolis.
Rood, John.....Minneapolis.
Rood, John S.....Sleepy Eye.
Ruddock, Charles A.....Lyle.
Ruddock, Edward N.....Glenwood.

Sallmon, William H.....Northfield.
Searles, George R.....
Seibert, Samuel S.....Madison.
Shaw, Edwin S.....Crookston.
Schultz, Jacob K.....Elk River.
Seliger, C. H. B.....Cottage Grove.
Shurtleff, Ernest W.....Paris, France.
Smith, Alexander.....Hamline.
Smith, Oscar M.....Java, N. Y.
Smith, Samuel G.....St. Paul.

Snow, Walter A.....Minneapolis.
Snowden, F. R.....Tuxedo, Md.
Starr, Otis A.....Excelsior.
Stevens, C. M.....Thebes, Ga.
Strong, James W.....Northfield.
Stutson, Henry H.....Biwabik.
Summer, Frederick A.....Minneapolis.
Symons, Henry, Lic.....Ada.
Swain, Carl J.....Excelsior.
Swinnerton, George F.....Caledonia.
Swertfager, Geo. A.....Dodge Center.

Talmage, Luther C.....Minneapolis.
Taylor, H. J.....Pelican Rapids.
Tebbets, Arthur H.....Minneapolis.
Thompson, Jas. B.....Rose Creek.
Todd, Henry C.....Zumbrota.
Traut, George A.....Moorhead.
Trcha, Charles J.....St. Paul.
Trussell, William F.....Detroit.
Thomas, Percy E.....Winona.

Upton, Rufus P.....Springfield.

Vallentyne, James W.....Chicago, Ills.
Viehe, Paul G.....Lake Benton.
Vincent, Corwin D.....Staples.
Von Lubken, F L. H.....Mapleton.
Vrooman, W. A.....Portage, La Prairie, Manitoba.

Warren, Albert.....Excelsior.
Warren, Willis A.....Lake City.
Washington, Alonzo G.....Burtrum.
Watt, Richard.....Ceylon.
Webber, B. L.....Marshall.
Weber, Edwin E.....Galva, Iowa.
Wheeler, Edward F.....New Ulm.
Wikholm, M. K.....Upsala.
Willoughby, Albert S.....Edgerton.
Wilcox, Frank G.....Tabor, Iowa.
Wilkinson, William A.....Minneapolis.
Wilson, Daniel E.....Minneapolis.
Wilson, Sherman B.....Wilmette, Ill.
Winter, Paul.....Medford.
Wright, Cassius E.....Washington, D. C.
Wrigley, Francis.....Walnut Grove.
Wingate, Henry K.....Cesarea, Turkey.
Wiley, Horace S.....Kellogg, Idaho.
Woodcock, Albert C.....Bagley.

N. B.—Names in foregoing list that are starred (*) are ministers who are not members of any conferences in Minnesota.

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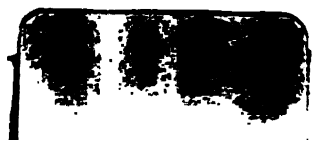
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